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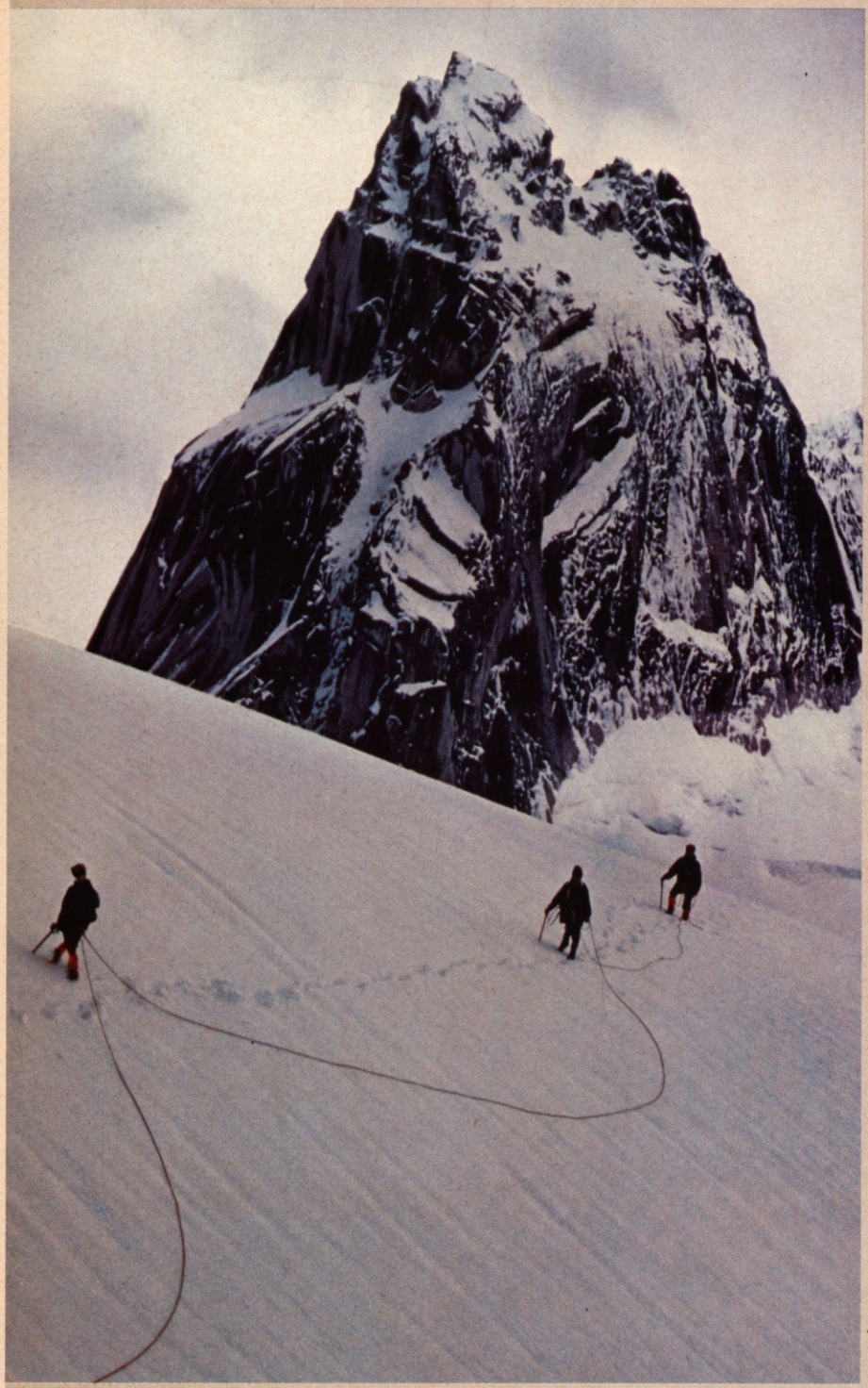

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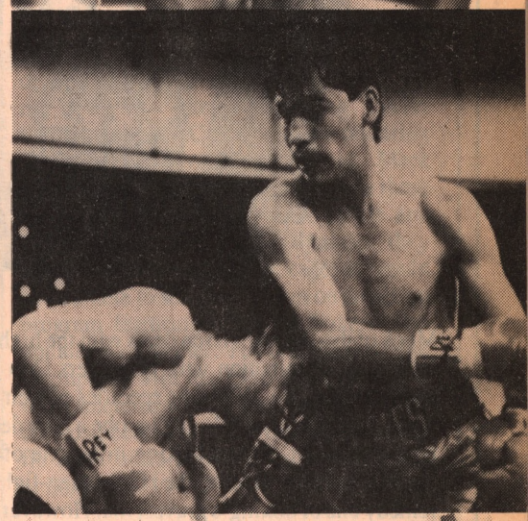

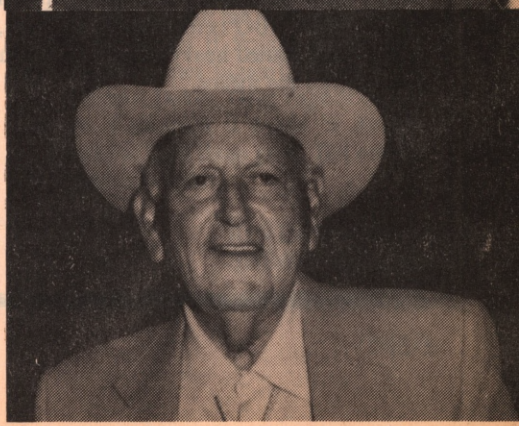

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RingSide

Much of this month's issue deals with the highly publicized attempt by Home Box Office, in conjunction with promoters Don King and Butch Lewis, to unify the heavyweight title. While the specifics of their plan are detailed elsewhere (see "The Road To Unification?"), let's probe a little deeper into what just might turn out to be the most significant boxing milestone of the year.

On the surface at least, the HBO seven-fight series seems to be a noble effort to remedy one of boxing's gravest ills. However, the proposal has already raised more questions than it has answered.

The political infighting is already approaching the boiling point. Bob Arum, King's arch rival, suggests HBO may be flirting with an anti-trust violation (see "Punch/Counterpunch"). Although Arum is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and a former member of the United States Justice Department, he's hardly an impartial observer. With Bob, it's sometimes difficult to ascertain exactly where legalism ends and sour grapes begins.

Nevertheless, many neutral voices have also raised legitimate questions: Will heavyweights not under the promotional control of either King or Lewis be shut out? According to HBO's Seth Abraham, the answer is "no." Mr. Abraham has assured *The Ring* fighters such as Carl Williams, Gerry Cooney, Frank Bruno, and others not aligned with King or Lewis, will have a chance to enter the series during the second round of fights.

Some of boxing's more cynical fans, soured by the sport's often self-destructive nature, think the whole scheme will collapse like a house of cards the first time one of the participants figures he can make more money elsewhere.

The Ring doesn't pretend to know the answers. But we do know where our loyalty lies. Not with any particular promoter or television network . . . but with the sport of boxing.

I've always felt that split titles are unified, as they sometimes are, when more money can be generated by unifying a specific title than keeping it divided. If, in this instance, HBO is the vehicle for such, so much the better. If boxing ends up with an undisputed heavyweight champion, this just might be one time when the end justifies the means.

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Come Out Writing

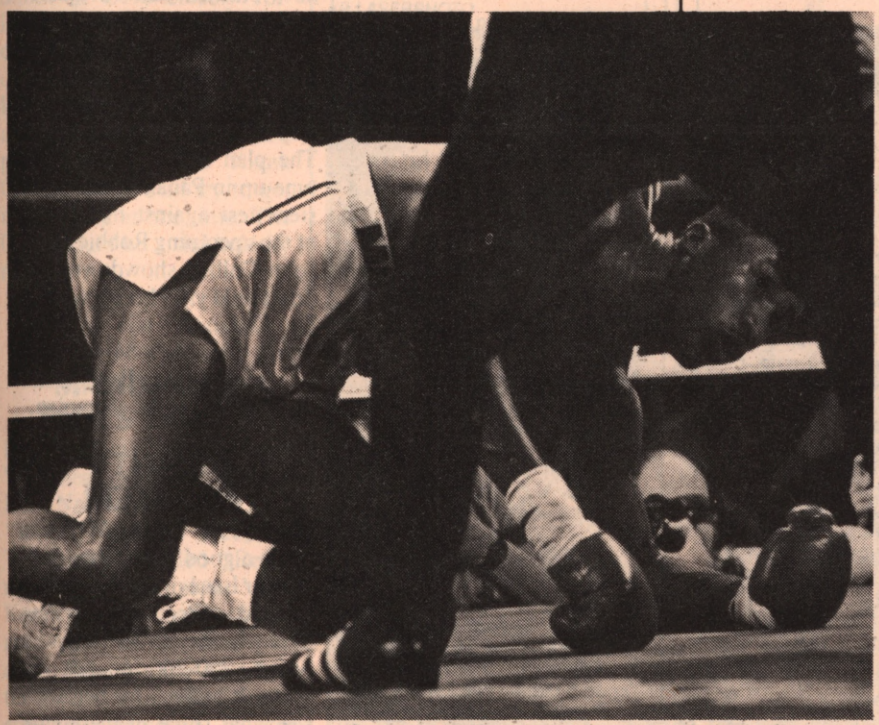


PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Milton McCrory struggles to regain his feet after suffering the first of two knockdowns at the hands of Donald Curry in their welterweight unification bout. Reader Herve Barthelemy thinks that referee Mills Lane should have stopped the bout after the first knockdown.

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

I HAVE BEEN A BOXING FAN FOR A long time and also a tenacious reader of *The Ring*, but this is the first time I feel the necessity to write. Gentlemen, I am afraid, yes afraid, for boxing which happens to be my favorite sport. I have just witnessed the Curry-McCrory title bout. I was delighted with Curry's performance and I think he is one of the finest fighters to ever step into the ring, but all my excitement was replaced by fear when I saw McCrory run into that right hand when he was out on his feet. I still can't understand why Mr. Mills Lane, such an experienced referee, didn't stop the fight after the first knockdown.

Boxing has been the object of a lot of criticism in the last decade, and the sport took it on the chin with the recent death of Mexican fighter Gerardo Debez. Let's use *The Ring* to fight for the security of boxing and the boxers. We can't afford to let boxers, or boxing, die.

HERVE BARTHELEMY
Col. Narvarte, Mexico

FATALITY FACTS

WHY IS BOXING ALWAYS THE TARget? Why is boxing always the whipping boy? Enclosed is a list of statistics concerning America's favorite sport (football). Let the numbers speak for themselves and remember they do not include the many sad cases of paralysis due to spinal injury. Don't get me wrong. I am a football fan, but I'm also a boxing fan. Long live the Sweet Science.

Football Fatalities (1931-1984)*

High School	576
Sandlot	170
College	78
Pro and Semipro	75

*Source: The American College Football Coaches Association

NORTON S. ELLIOTT

ODIOUS COMPARISON

AS PLEASING AS IT IS TO SEE BOXING on national television, I am concerned that so-called "package deals" are not in the best interest of boxing. I refer to the recent ABC presentation featuring Tyrell Biggs, Evander Holyfield, Mark Breland and Meldrick Taylor. While these boxers are all from the same stable and share in common the 1984 Olympics, they are not an entertaining package. It would be bearable to see one of them on an action program featuring other top boxers. But not all four together. To compare the 1984 Olympians with the 1976 Olympians is a futile exercise when measuring talent and crowd appeal. The 1976 Olympians could fill seats in an arena, let alone TV seats at home.

ROYALE MILES
Inglewood, California

SERIOUSLY SPEAKING

I JUST FINISHED READING THE ARTIcle "In Search Of A Champion" in your January '86 issue. Is writer Joseph D'O'Brian serious? He tells Michael Spinks: "Go down this list (of contenders), read it carefully, and pick one. If you pick one with a rating of 80 or higher, I'll know that you're for real, that you think you're for real, and that you'll convince the fans that you're for real." Does D'O'Brian really think that two of his 80% picks, Frank Bruno and Mike Tyson, are legitimate and deserving contenders, and if Spinks fought Tim Witherspoon, with his 65% "right stuff rating," he would tarnish his image in the eyes of boxing fans? Speak for yourself, Mr. D'O'Brian.

As for this boxing fan, I would be thoroughly convinced if Spinks fought and beat Larry Holmes (again), Trevor Berbick, Michael Dokes, Greg Page or Gerrie Coetzee. I *do* think it would be unwise for Spinks to fight these guys. But not for D'O'Brian's reasons.

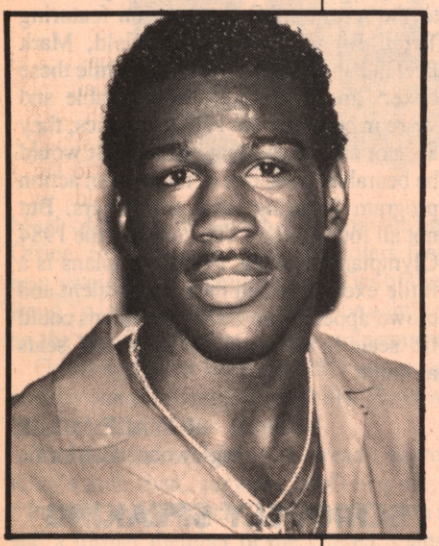
KEVIN BENNETT
Buffalo, New York

Round One

by Nigel Collins

COMEBACK CITY

I suppose it's inevitable that hope should spring eternal in the hearts of aging pugilists, but lately that hope has been tinged with more than a trace of desperation. I refer to the recent return to the ring of **Roberto Duran** and **Matthew Saad Muhammad**. Although both of these former world champions scored knockouts in their initial comeback efforts, I almost wish they hadn't. Now we face the bleak prospect of watching two former greats squeeze the last dollar out of their worn-out bodies—never a pretty sight.



Former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad recently ended a 23-month retirement by stopping Chris Wells. Many of Saad's friends and admirers hope Matthew will reconsider his ill-advised comeback before he is seriously injured.

Saad Muhammad's case is particularly disheartening. The former WBC light heavyweight was one of the bravest warriors to ever grace the ring. His amazing string of come-from-behind victories rank high among the most exciting fights of the late '70s and early '80s. The name Saad Muhammad will always hold special memories for those of us lucky enough to have covered his career. Win or lose, Matthew always took more than his share of punishment and gave us plenty to write about. But beginning with his title-losing defeat to Dwight Braxton in 1981, it became a one-way street. The once-mighty champion was quickly reduced to a punching bag. He lost four of his last six bouts by knockout before finally retiring in February of '84—much to the relief of practically everyone in boxing.

Saad, still an incredibly handsome physical specimen, tried to build a new career as a model/actor, but never got too far. He eventually exhausted his funds, and, facing a financial pinch, sadly decided to return to the only profession he's ever known. On January 10th, Matthew, age 31, ended a 23-month retirement by stopping **Chris Wells** in the sixth round of a match held in Hollywood, Florida. We'll keep you informed.

It's hard to work up as much sympathy for Duran. But then Duran is much less likely to get his brains scrambled. The legendary "*Manos de Piedra*" never really absorbed a terrible beating in the ring. Even his knockout loss to Thomas Hearns was mercifully quick. According to reports from Panama, Roberto has blown much of his personal fortune by living in a manner hardly befitting a senior citizen on a fixed income. As is usually the case, his comeback was motivated by a dwindling bank account.

Duran launched his comeback on a much more lavish scale than Saad Muhammad. Fighting before a crowd of 12,000 cheering partisans inside the New Panama Gymnasium in Panama City, Roberto knocked out Colombian middleweight champion **Manuel Esteban Zambrano** 2:57 into the fourth round on February 1. Roberto, who claims to have lost 55 pounds in training, weighed 165 for Zambrano and will campaign as a middleweight in this latest reincarnation.

Bob Arum, who was the only major promoter willing to take a risk on Duran when he returned as a junior middleweight following his "*no mas*" loss to **Sugar Ray Leonard**, appears ready to welcome him back into the Top Rank fold once again. The plan calls for one more tune-up in Panama and then a stern test against the winner of the upcoming Robbie Sims-John Collins showdown. But don't hold your breath waiting for Duran to win a fourth world title. He's 34 years old . . . and Marvin Hagler is still the middleweight champion.

WEIGHTY PROBLEM

Carl (The Truth) Williams made a good point in the September issue of *The Ring* when he said, "People don't want to pay money to see guys who weigh 250-260 pounds out there. It bothers me because I see what some of these guys are doing to the sport." Al-

Happy Birthday Champ. Muhammad Ali celebrates his 44th birthday at the Witherspoon-Tubbs match in Atlanta. A few days before the fight, Ali sparred eight rounds with Tubbs.

WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Round One

though there wasn't anybody quite that big on **Don King**'s recent card in Atlanta, a couple of them came damned close. In fact, after adding up the combined weights of the 12 fighters on the bill, I wonder if the **Witherspoon-Tubbs** card didn't set some kind of record. The "beef trust," as our British cousins call it, rounded out to an even 2,783 pounds! The biggest fighter on the show was **Wes Smith** at 249, closely followed by the 248-pound **Percell Davis**. The smallest guy on the show was **Mike Perkins**, an emaciated 208. The average was just under 232 pounds per fighter. Thank God they didn't all try to get into the ring at one time. The Omni would be a sinkhole by now.

MANDINGO RIDES AGAIN

Did anybody catch former WBC heavyweight champion **Ken Norton** in NBC-TV's "Knight Rider" recently? The episode, entitled "Redemption of a Champion," cast Ken in the role of a boxer who risks paralysis or death by continuing to fight. Also featured were former WBC featherweight champion **Danny (Little Red) Lopez**, former welterweight king **Carlos Palomino**, retired heavyweight contender **Jerry Quarry**, and **Don King**. Don played the part of a public relations man. Talk about type casting.

DOUBLE DOPE

Some guys never learn. Take cruiserweight **Stanley Ross**, for instance. Last year, he was caught with marijuana in his urine by the New Jersey State Athletic Commission following a bout in Atlantic City. Originally suspended, Ross beat the rap on a technicality and went on to record the biggest win of his up-and-down career (mostly down) by outpointing **Boone Pultz** for the USBA cruiserweight title. But instead of a new lease on life, Ross was soon stripped of the belt when a post-fight urinalysis came up "dirty." Once again, the offending substance was marijuana. According to USBA (an arm of the IBF) president **Bob Lee**, the title reverts back to Pultz.

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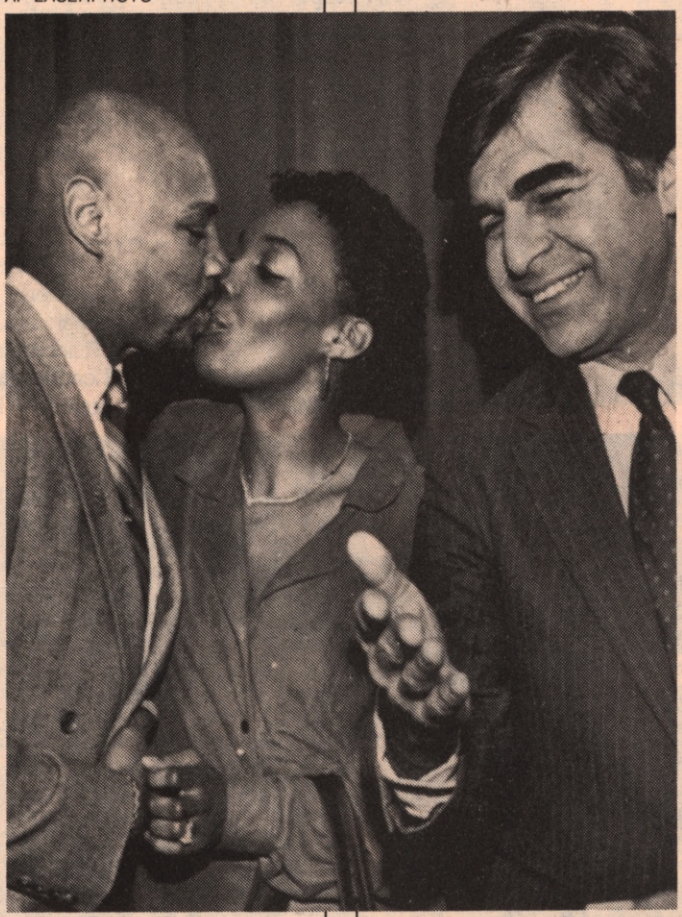


Mr. and Mrs. Hagler share a kiss after the undisputed middleweight champion was sworn in as a member of the board of trustees of Massoit Community College in Brockton. That's Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis sharing the spotlight.

ROSIN DUST

Bob Goodman has replaced **John Condon** as matchmaker for Madison Square Garden. Goodman was formerly matchmaker for Don King Productions . . . The **Rubin (Hurricane) Carter** saga continues: A federal judge has denied a New Jersey prosecutors' request that Carter be returned to prison while they continue to appeal a lower court's dismissal of Carter's 1977 triple murder conviction . . . A perusal of the ads in the program for **Al Goossen**'s January promotion featuring bantamweight **Frankie Duarte** reveals that Duarte runs a carpet cleaning business when he's not in the gym . . . **Trevor Berbick** has been stripped of his Canadian and British Commonwealth titles for not defending. This should hardly come as a shock to Trevor, who currently holds the USBA belt even though he is a Canadian citizen. You figure it out . . . A readers' poll in the British weekly, *Boxing News*, picked **Barry McGuigan** as their choice for "Fighter of the Year." The **Mark Kaylor-Errol Christie** middleweight match won "Fight of the Year" honors, with welterweight prospect **George Collins** copping the "Prospect of the Year" award. . . . **Constance Harper**, former vice-president of Don King Productions, was sentenced to a year and a day in prison for income tax evasion. . . .

PUNCH LINES

Donald Curry, explaining the secret of his growing artistry to New York *Daily News* columnist Michael Katz: "I'm seeing more for some reason. It's like going from a boy to man as far as eyesight is concerned. It must be like a baseball player on a hitting streak when the ball looks like a pumpkin."

Bob Arum, putting Roberto Duran's comeback into promotional perspective: "Don't laugh. They laughed the last time, but he made a lot of money for everybody, including myself." □

BRITAIN'S NEW BOY ON THE BLOCK

Promoter Frank Warren Enlivens British Boxing Scene

by Reggie Gutteridge

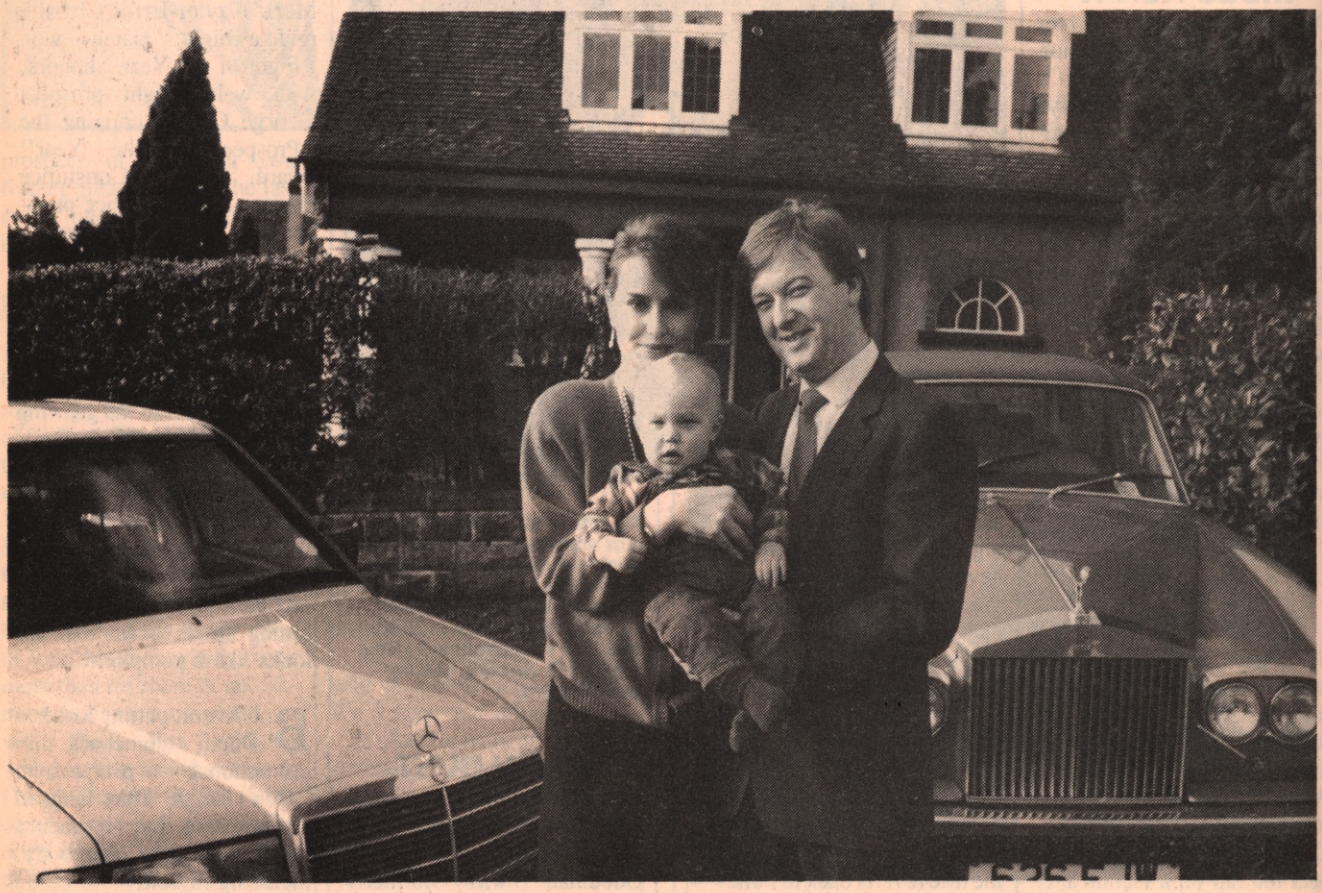
MEET THE NEW BOY ON THE BLOCK. Frank and fearless, at 33, Frank Warren, a Londoner, born and bred with the traditional war-time bulldog spirit. He's enlivened the British boxing scene to make the firmly entrenched Levene-Barrett-Duff combine realize that the rosy-cheeked Cockney is not merely a one-night stander.

Since the demise of Jack Solomons, a throwback to the great showmen, the European fight game has badly needed a new-face promoter to challenge The Establishment. At worst to keep them on their toes.

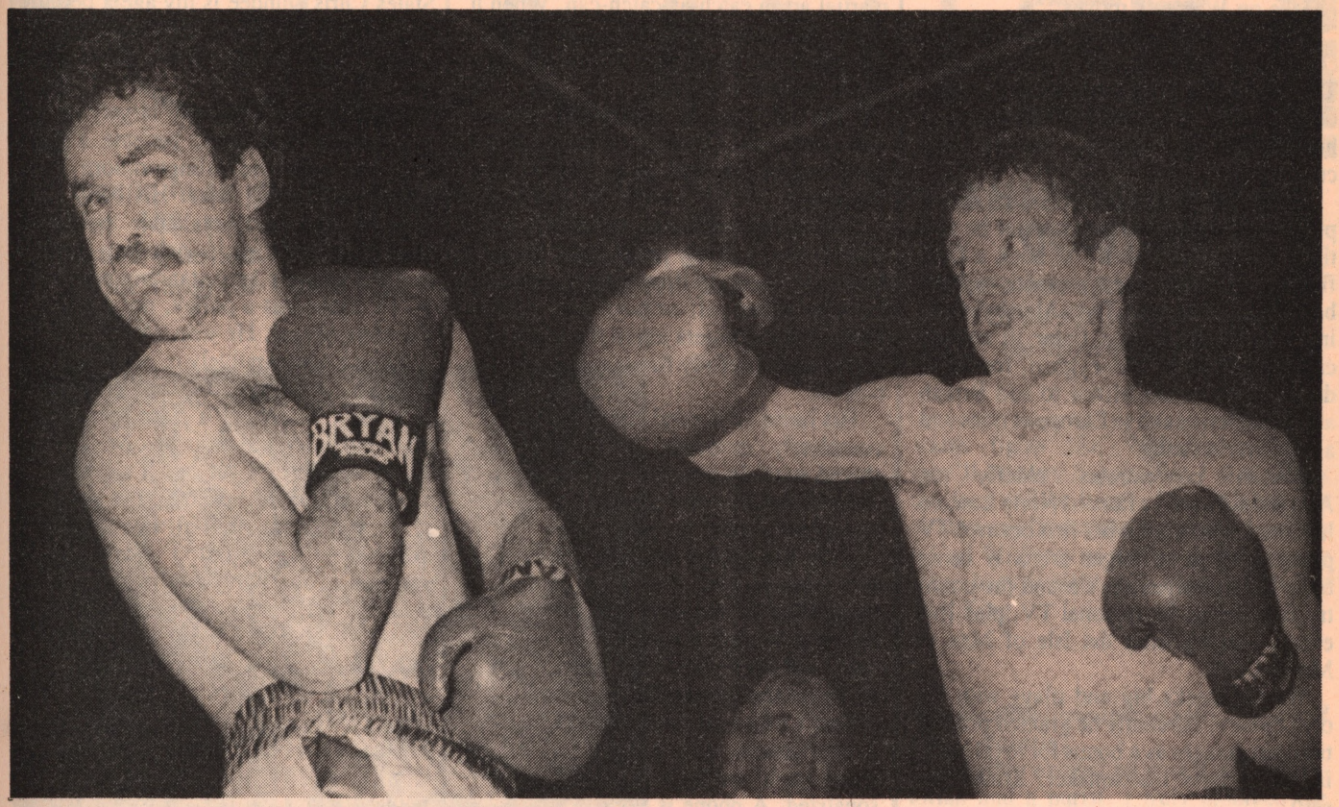
Warren's first "feel" for the game was watching Muhammad Ali v Cleveland Williams, probably Ali's finest exhibition. At 18, it was somewhat precocious for Warren to imagine staging even club fights, let alone championships. Obviously he who dares, wins. Provided he can stand the inevitable starter's losses.

He suffered a blow in the first round sufficient to floor the timid. Staging Americans Otis Gordon v Jerry Martin (an escapee from the original Empire) at a London hotel cost the new boy, 17,000 pounds. "I'd planned on selling the fight

Promoter Frank Warren poses with his wife Susan and their son Francis outside Warren's rural home in Hertfordshire, England.



Junior welterweight Terry Marsh (right) on his way to victory over American Randy Mitchem. Promoter/manager Warren has promised to get Marsh a title shot against the winner of the upcoming Ubaldo Sacco-Patrizo Oliva match.



to American TV but the Boxing Board refused to sanction it because they said I hadn't promoted sufficient shows to qualify. I couldn't go out a loser. And I learn quickly."

Warren left grammar school at 15 with the typical street awareness and chirpiness of the Cockney sparrow hopping from job to job, pillar to post. A racecourse bookmakers clerk (a head for figures); Pergamon Press (Robert Maxwell's Empire); a solicitor's office (he soon acquired the skill of reading the small print); a butcher (used to the sight of blood), progressing to a partnership, now dissolved, with a soccer star in a smart City of London disco-restaurant.

Today, boxing is primarily his profession, though he began chairing a public company dealing in building and property in '86. "Because I'm trying to earn a living chiefly from boxing it's not always easy to accept rulings and judgments from people who are not," he says. "Promoting is a risk. We should be allowed the freedom it needs, not petty restrictions."

He knows part-timers cannot survive, let alone compete evenly against the experience and energy of his rivals. Micky Duff has long been an efficient full-timer, though he now spends the bulk of his time based in Florida. Nonetheless, trans-atlan-

British middleweight contender Tony Sibson is another fighter who hopes to rejuvinate his career under Warren's promotional wing.

tic calls must be costly with continuous checks on Warren's moves.

Neither would agree, or thank me, for comparing Warren's climb with Duff's. They speak the same language and, without knowing it, share a similar sense of humor. But their meetings are brief and curt.

When the Boxing Board order sealed purse-bids when contracts cannot be settled, Warren has "won" to book a Duff fighter. Two of his best promotions have been 'inter-club' with Terry Marsh defeating Clinton McKenzie (later to change camps) and Lloyd Honeyghan, for Duff, defeating Sylvester Mittee to add British and Commonwealth to European titles and a high world rating.

Warren concentrates chiefly on Alexandra Palace, a famous North London landmark where the BBC first beamed TV pictures. A new, larger arena is being built. He also organizes a round-the-country fight series for regional TV, plus live events ranging from the Isle of Man to Monte Carlo.

Warren thinks big and plays with his own money. (Recently he granted promotion percentages as a bonus for loyal staff, including busy matchmaker, Ernie Fossey).

He found strength with the backing of Independent TV, the commercial channel (produces "Benny Hill," "Upstairs Downstairs," "Muppets," "Jewel in Crown," etc.), whose constant coverage of U.S. boxing brought favorable comments at last year's WBC convention.

Heavyweight Joe Bugner (now commentating in Australia), whom Warren handled in his final days, became, like Jack Benny, an overnight TV star after 17 years in the business. Warren's tie-up with ITV was sealed.

There are frequent forays with Bob Arum and Don King to stage world title fights in the U.K. Don Curry v Colin Jones, a money maker. A flyweight clash between Sot Chitalada and Charlie Magri was well-staged but a financial bomb because Warren overpaid the Thai and was unable to get world TV sales.

"You can't make every post a winning post. I was proving that we are capable of promoting the big stuff. I sometimes think more like a fan than promoter. I love giving the public value for money, good fights, not knockovers."

Then came Azumah Nelson-Pat Cowdell, the first time old-hand Cowdell, who had given the great Salvador Sanchez a split-verdict fight, had been counted-out—and quick. It was Warren's first involvement with the King. It was like a martial art in catch-as-catch-can. When it comes to operating on percentages, King, the practiced persuader, found the new boy a skilled surgeon.

"We didn't get the right winner, but it was worth a try. Cowdell warranted a final fling and he got well paid. That's show business."

Warren Promotions moved from a hotel suite to a completely refurbished terraced house, he owns, in Bloomsbury, once the London haunt of authors and artists. Framed fight posters adorn the walls of a quaint and tastefully furnished promotion hideout

His home is in rural Hertfordshire in a completely renovated £250,000 home shared with 24-year-old wife, Susan, of Scottish descent who earns sizeable sums as a photographic model.

Only the goings-on of bouncing near two-year-old son, Francis, disturbs the tranquillity of the stockbroker belt. The driveway houses Warren and wife's latest toys—a Rolls Royce, Mercedes or Jaguar, whatever appears the flavor of the month. ("Don't make me sound flashy, it's just a comfortable way to ride"). Number plates, as if you hadn't guessed, are personalized. A phone is fitted.

There is money to be made in boxing. Yet there are consistently more losers than winners. It's simply the same promoters who are the winners. They attend to detail. Others come and go; Warren is determined to stay.

He began staging technically unlicensed boxing (despite the strong claim of rule books and being tagged National Boxing Council). We argued consistently because newspapers refused to report their shows. I hated them. Strictly bootlegs which, thankfully, appear to have faded away. Warren's pride-and-joy, at the time, was heavyweight Isaac Hussein, whom he matched with Tom Prater (a Larry Holmes rival) in London. Warren guided Hussein, a looking-glass fighter who could fool anyone, to a share of wins, but the fade-out was inevitable.

"In hindsight it was not a smart thing to do, but the shows were very financially successful. You scorn at Hussein, but he had more wins with me, and made bigger money, than when he fought with a Board license."

His launch into official Board of Control territory, with a sufficient guarantee bond deposited, brought fierce competition. "I had to overcome rumors, suspicions, the lot. Now I've done business with King and Arum, Rodolfo Sabbatini, and they've found I keep my word. In the States Chris Dundee is my agent because he's a friend and knows the business backwards. Doubters should ask Chris about me."

Battling with the Board, largely unpaid and professional men, became a daily exercise with the Islington-born challenger for the big time. His early legal experience proved invaluable. So far he hasn't lost a "case," including proving that the Board's long-standing restriction of TV dates was a policy, not a rule and therefore illegal. He won costs.

Even a comparatively minor legal jaunt with a Fleet Street best-selling tabloid was won with costs and a restriction. "The last thing I want to do is involve lawyers. But I couldn't be sat on. It's cost me a nice few quid, like 50,000, but you must show you are not a fool. Finally, things seem to be sorted out. I simply wanted the same treatment as the others, not treated like a soppy new boy. Many of the old regulations have become outdated. We can't compete nowadays without TV money. The Board's major income is now from TV. The talk about banning it bringing the crowds back is rubbish. If the event is good enough, with or without TV, the punters will pay. It's up to a promoter whether he wants TV or not."

Warren's first managed fighter to get a world title crack should be junior welter Terry Marsh, an Essex fireman with a style not dissimilar to another fireman, Paul Pender, from Boston.

"Whatever it takes I'll get Terry his chance against the winner of Sacco-Oliva because he's a stand-up guy. He's also a lot harder than he looks. Both Sacco and Oliva camps have promised me the shot. Colin Jones, still with manager Eddie Thomas, has also shown loyalty and I'll work hard getting him back into the title picture. Outside of Curry there aren't many I'd fancy to cope with a good Jones. He's the best puncher in the division.

"This year Tony Sibson, who is only 27, has promotion ties with me. He fancied a change. Given the right encouragement and when he gets into good shape, there is no middleweight, other than Hagler, whom he could not beat. He gave up the British title and had the European stripped. The loss to Don Lee in the States rankles with Sibson because he says he wasn't right for the fight. He's begging for a rematch."

During 1985 Warren staged 15 of 29 British title fights. His stable is growing into ranch proportions. So is his reputation. □

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THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

What is your opinion of Home Box Office's attempt to unify the heavyweight title?

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IBF heavyweight boss Michael Spinks is among those who have agreed to join HBO's series of fights to unify the championship.

Joseph D'O'Brian *(The Ring's senior writer):*
If it all goes off according to plan, I'll be tickled to death. But it's dollars to dung that few, if any, of these fights will ever take place.

Dave Gorman *(manager of Donald Curry):*
I haven't seen all the details, but to tell you the truth, I don't really keep up with the heavyweights. To me, the heavyweight division is a mess. It's just a bunch of fat guys. I'm a big boxing fan, but when there is a heavyweight fight on I don't even bother to turn on the television.

Don King *(co-promoter of the HBO heavyweight series):*
The series of events will culminate in one heavyweight champion to receive the fame, acclaim and affluence. It will clear up the potpourri of confusion in the heavyweight division.

Steve Farhood *(Sports Channel color commentator):*
To commit to a heavyweight series may be a mistake because the heavyweights are often *not* that entertaining. If HBO wants fights like Witherspoon-Tubbs, they'll be very happy. But I don't think the fans will be happy. Plus, it's not fair to have an elimination that doesn't include a Carl Williams or a Mike Tyson, or any other heavyweight who doesn't fight for Don King.

Jim Jacobs *(manager of Mike Tyson and Edwin Rosario):*
I'm terribly excited by it as a boxing historian and a purist. I truly embrace the idea of having one heavyweight champion, rather than a group. HBO's endeavor to have a series of fights with the ultimate objective of having a unified heavyweight title is an idea I adore. And support.

Bob Arum *(President of Top Rank, Inc.):*
I think the lawyers for HBO had better look into the International Boxing Club case because they may have an anti-trust violation going. The result of their series is *not* to unify the title, but to unify the promotion of the title. I think they might run into trouble with the justice department.

Dave Bontempo *(boxing reporter for the* Atlantic City Press*):*
At first I thought HBO would have trouble pulling it off because of contractual obligations with the fighters. But with Don King controlling the division, he just might be able to do it. I think it's an excellent thing for boxing in the sense that it will give us just one champion in a division that is currently disgraced by having three. But I think the second round of fights are meaningless and will distract the public.

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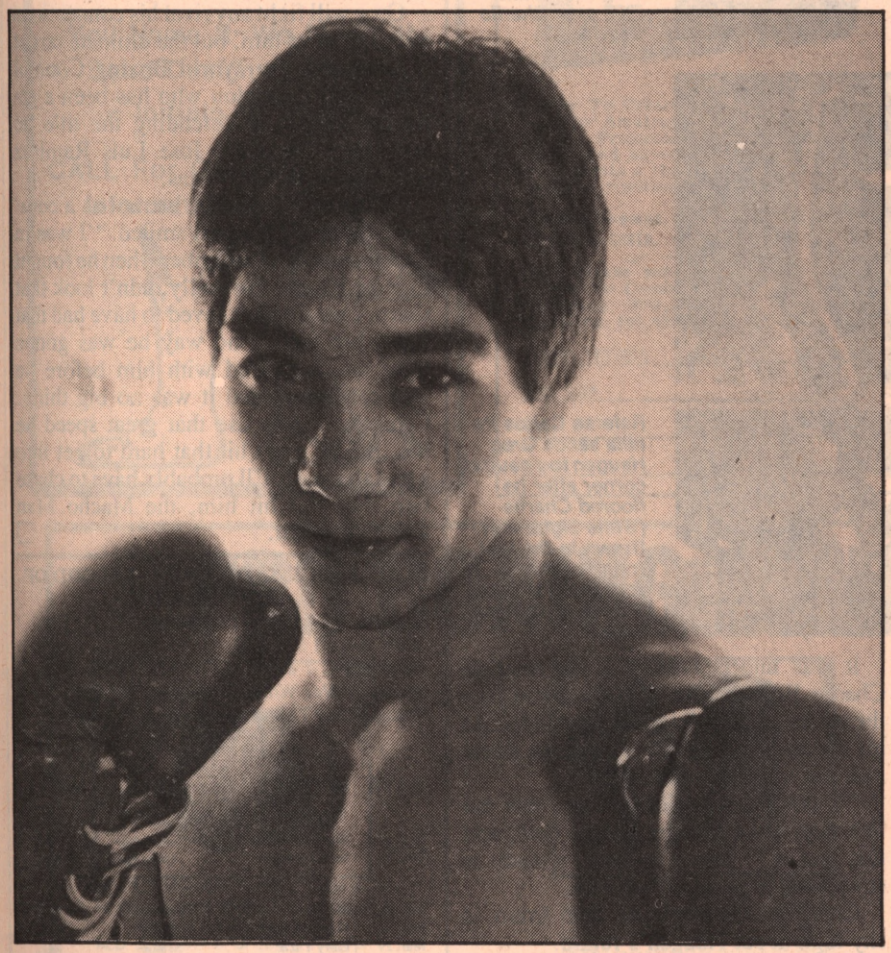
New Faces

GREG HAUGEN

by JACK WELSH



THIS BUSINESS OF GREG HAUGEN'S SISter bringing him a "good luck" bouquet of red roses before every fight is a nice touch, but the way the lightweight bomber from Auburn, Washington has been exploding, she'd better double that order. That's the very least the victim deserves.

The new year wasn't 72 hours old when this little tableau unfolded again in Las Vegas at the Showboat Hotel-Casino's Sports Pavilion, but this time the flowers weren't telegraphed. Haugen's sister, Pam, and her husband, Dennis Balding, jetted all the way from Soldotna, Alaska (that's above Anchorage). The 25-year-old fighter's brother, Brady, 20, also came down from Auburn. And there were 40-50 Northwest locals who followed Brady's lead.

It was the same old story, so it's a good thing the delegation didn't have any delays in transportation. Haugen's first two victories in Vegas came in September, 1984, but no ringsider was gasping in awe. Everything began to jell on a spectacular note last August when Haugen was paired with popular Freddie Roach, a gutty ex-featherweight contender who had more than 50 pro fights. Roach was eliminated inside seven rounds.

Mel Greb, Top Rank's western matchmaker, moved Greg a giant step in November against Nashville's Chris Calvin, who was 17-3-2, with 16 kayoes, and reportedly headed for a title shot at Jimmy Paul, the International Boxing Federation 135-pound kingpin from Detroit, early in 1986. Remembering how Calvin had knocked down the previously undefeated Brett Summers seven times last April en route to a 10th round TKO at the 'Boat made some Vegas fans shake their heads in apprehension.

Any misgivings were corrected early. Haugen proved the granite in his chin was no fallacy, taking some of Calvin's big right hands in the first round. By the sixth round, looking more like the loser, the bruised-faced Greg decided to end it, and methodically hammered the stunned Southerner to the canvas twice for a TKO with 23 seconds left in the round.

Haugen was leading by one-point on all scorecards, and reflected modestly after moving his credentials to 13-0-1 with seven kayoes.

"Calvin was as tough as I thought he'd be. Nobody ever hit me as hard as he did in the early rounds. I had my left low and he was coming over with the right. But I've got a good jaw, and I proved I could take it."

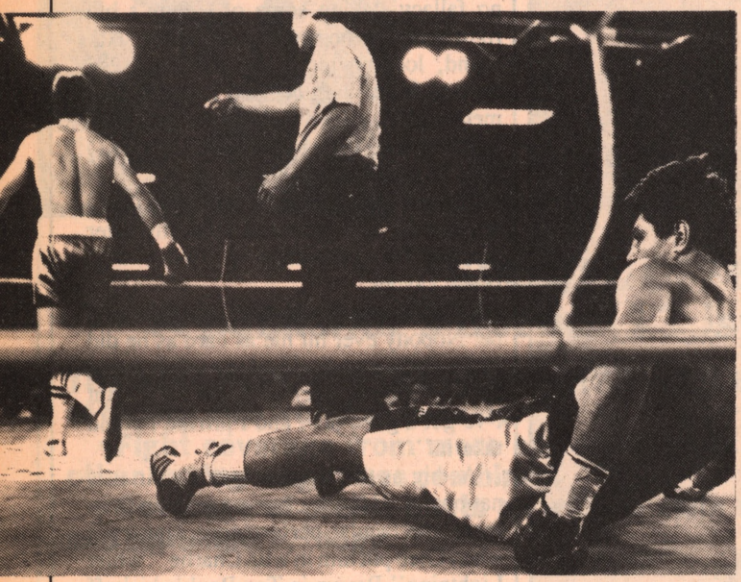
As big as the shocker over Calvin was nationally, Haugen came up with an even more spectacular performance January 3 when Greb put him in with Charlie "White Lightning" Brown in Top Rank's kickoff of the New Year.

The 21-year-old Brown rolled into town with even more impressive credentials than Roach or Calvin, having unsuccessfully made a bid for then IBF lightweight champion Harry Arroyo's crown in 1984 as part of a solid 27-2, 19 kayoes, record. Arroyo, fighting in his native Youngstown, Ohio, needed eight rounds to stop Brown on cuts in a hard fight. So did unsung Harold Brazier in an upset last March at Lake Tahoe.

For Haugen, only one minute was required to leave "White Lightning" out on his feet, glassy-eyed and numb from a vicious left, which was actually a half-hook, half-uppercut. Brown was coming in to throw a right when Greg got off a counter that snapped Brown's head like it was on a swivel. The handsome native of Moline, Illinois, now fighting out of the Ten Goose Stable of North Hollywood, California, slumped into Haugen and slid to the canvas. Greg tried to get off another left, but it wasn't necessary.

Referee Carlos Padilla asked the reeling

An elated Greg Haugen waves to his cheering admirers after his stunning first-round TKO over Charlie Brown.



Referee Carlos Padilla sends Greg Haugen to a neutral corner after he floored Charlie (White Lightning) Brown in the first round of their scheduled 10 at the Showboat in Las Vegas.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS FARINA

Brown his name when he beat the count at "eight," but when the fighter's response was slow, Padilla immediately abbreviated the scheduled 10-rounder.

Haugen literally hardly broke a sweat in annihilating a name opponent with twice the ring experience. The Washingtonian was elated, but not overbearingly cocky about his awesome performance.

"Before he went down, Charlie got me with a couple of good hooks, and I'd gone down too if I didn't have a good chin," Haugen confided. "The way Brown came out, I decided my fight was on the inside, not the outside. Brown got me with a left and about 10 seconds later, another one. I had my right down, so I decided to raise it up.

"Each fight is getting bigger and bigger for me, but I never expected to stop Charlie Brown in the first round. He's got the record and the experience. But it was a perfect punch where I had all the leverage. I felt it from my toes all the way up my arm. I knew when Brown went down, it was all over."

It was understandably a disconsolate Charlie Brown, who didn't want to face the media immediately after the blitz. Like his conqueror, he had not broken a sweat and was virtually unmarked.

"I didn't expect Haugen to come out like that, but I just got caught cold, and that was it," Brown winced, already in street clothes.

Greb, like his employer, Bob Arum, is sky-high about Haugen's future.

"Greg Haugen is a non-stopping punching machine and he's gonna cut a wide swath in the lightweight division before too long," opined the veteran fight man who has been on the Vegas scene more than 25 years. "This big win gives him a chance at the North American Boxing Federation title vacated by Hector Camacho last summer.

Las Vegan Stan Tischler, who trains Haugen, is equally enthusiastic.

"This man (Haugen) is a devastating puncher. If he hits you on the chin, you're gonna go. I don't care who you are because Greg can knock you out with either hand, so our plan was to bob and weave, going to the body and head. There wasn't much time for strategy because Greg caught Brown with the same punch he hit Roach and Calvin with."

Haugen is unswerving in his dedication "to make it to the top."

"I know I still have things to learn, and I'm working hard to learn them," the awe of Auburn explained. "This is a tough business. Besides having talent, you have to have discipline. I think I have them both."

Greg will fight any rival his connections put in front of him, but the ultimate target is Camacho, the World Boxing Council 135-pound champion who has been a reluctant dragon in defending the title he won from Mexico's Jose Luis Ramirez last August in Las Vegas.

"I respect Camacho, but not as a complete fighter," Haugen smiled. "I was in Sacramento last December when he fought Freddie Roach. He really didn't look that sharp. I would have loved to have had that fight, but there's no way he was gonna fight me. I sparred with him before he was champion, and it was no big thing. Camacho has to use that great speed he has, but he can't hit that hard to get into a real shootout. I'll probably have to chase him, but if I hit him, the Macho Man won't be much. □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF GREG HAUGEN

Auburn, Washington, Lightweight
Born: August 31, 1960
Height: 5 ft. 7 in.
Manager: Wes Wolfe, Anchorage, Alaska
Trainer: Stan Tischler, Las Vegas, Nevada

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1982		
Nov. 4	Noel Arriesgado	Anchorage	W 3
Dec. 4	Noel Arriesgado	Anchorage	KO 7
	1983		
Jan. 13	Joey Perez	Seattle	W 10
Feb. 23	Max Cervantes	Seattle	KO 4
Mar. 29	Larry Yazze	Seattle	KO 2
Apr. 26	Chuck Peralta	Seattle	W 10
July 22	Roosevelt Booth	Homestead	W 4
	1984		
Sept. 20	Ted Michaeliszyn	Las Vegas	W 6
Sept. 27	Tony Villa	Las Vegas	KO 2
	1985		
Feb. 7	Ted Michaeliszyn	Seattle	KO 7
Mar. 2	Juan Del Toro	Seattle	TD 1
July 17	Jeff Bumpus	Atlantic City	W 8
Aug. 22	Freddie Roach	Las Vegas	KO 7
Nov. 6	Chris Calvin	Las Vegas	KO 6
	1986		
Jan. 3	Charlie "White Lightning" Brown	Las Vegas	KO 1

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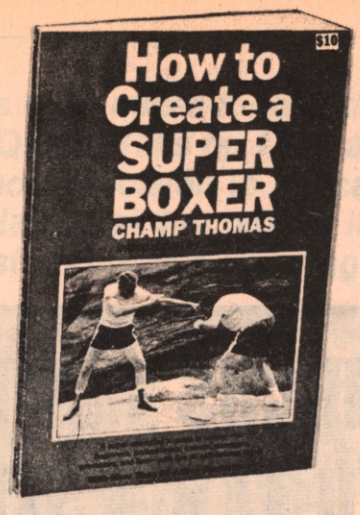

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THE CIRCUS COMES TO LANCASTER

The Heroes Of The 1984 Olympics Bring Big Time Boxing To Pennsylvania Dutch Country

by J.R. Jowett

LANCASTER, PA.—IF UNIVERSAL APpeal has made the Dallas Cowboys "America's Team," perhaps the Duva stable of Olympians are becoming boxing's equivalent. Without a firm foothold in the sport's few glamor capitals, the number three promoter is liable to plunk his heroes down anywhere. But, riding the wave of resurgent patriotism, they always seem to fit. Fortunately, the comparison with the Cowboys ends there. In the performance column, the Olympians have been strictly Chicago Bears.

Stopping here on their way to title shots were heavyweight Tyrell Biggs and welterweight Mark Breland for a well-publicized ABC national TVer.

Lancaster?

"People think there's nothing but farms out here," informed a local blowhard. "But back in the Forties and Fifties, this was a booming fight town, and there're still ex-boxers all over Cabbage Hill. You can't go into a corner bar without running into one." That, plus a surprisingly active tourist trade, built around sometimes-obnoxious city slickers who come to gawk at the 19th-century agrarian lifestyle of the Amish people (who would rather be left alone). Hence, the Americana Host Farm, hardly a farm, but a luxurious resort hotel, which played host to this major boxing event.

The Host Farm was not uncharted terrain to the globe-trotting Duvas. They'd landed here before when Johnny Bumphus was on his own title march, beating Pat Hallacy and Michael Bradley in exciting bouts before appreciative crowds. But the revival quickly faded, dampened by a spurious rumor that the facility wanted only nationally-televised events. Amateur tournaments became a staple, but another pro card wasn't attempted until the past fall when area businessman and club promoter Mark Konrath offered as excellent a match as one could wish: slugging middleweights Earl Hargrove and Jimmie Sykes. But the promoter's scourge, late pullouts, first weakened, then undermined the entire card. When a nondescript prelim kid from nearby Reading took a powder the night before, a potential sell-out house had to be refunded at the door.

With the Duvas in town, however, the promotion rolled like it was on ball bearings . . . at first.

"We knew we'd sell the place out," Danny Duva said, and he did—in just two hours. No-shows on a drizzly day, and unused "comps," left scattered empty seats among an exuberant crowd of nearly 1,400. Having no promotional license in Pennsylvania, Dan re-established an old partnership with Russell Peltz. The two previously co-operated on numerous cards, here and elsewhere, before parting (a bit unusual in the trade) with little rancor. Peltz assisted Dan's matchmaker, Johnny Bos, on some of the matches, and the weigh-in was notable only for its placidity.

Biggs' opponent, Tulsa veteran James (Quick) Tillis, in good shape at 214¼, was relaxed, smiling and greeting well-wishers. By contrast, Breland's adversary, Hartford's Troy Wortham, 147¼, was somber. Did he have any concerns about facing the vaunted Breland? A terse, "Why should I?" was Troy's answer. However, his manager, F. Mac Buckley, oozed confidence, claiming he'd seen odds making Troy the favorite. But it was whistling past the graveyard, as soon became evident.

First in the ring was the only local on the card, 135-pounder Gustavo Lopez. A kid with some potential, but hardly in the Olympians' league. Lopez was developed at the local Fitness America spa, owned by his manager, Barry Stumpf. Gustavo had drawn a considerable undercurrent of interest just for landing a spot on the card, and was greeted with excitement. But Lopez', and his fans', dream of sharing just a sliver of the Olympians' glory was not to be. Leading into the fourth of a scheduled six against undistinguished, but competent, Philly prelim kid Curtis Adams, 135, Lopez suddenly suffered a severe eye cut. Referee Frank Cappuccino abruptly stopped the bout at 0:43.

The fans were still enthusiastic and noisy (venting some hostility at ref Cappuccino) as Biggs and Tillis entered to start the televised portion of the card. The smooth-running promotion was about to hit its only snag. Aware of Tillis' reputation for starting strong and dropping opponents early, Philadelphian Biggs, 217, reverted to his old, cautious style. Suddenly, the lights went out! No, not Tyrell's, the arena's. A car had struck a utility pole, knocking out a large section of the highway (and probably an ABC exec or two). For about ten minutes the combatants sat

Tyrell Biggs (left) mixes it up with veteran James (Quick) Tillis on his way to a unanimous decision in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It was the rapidly improving Biggs' most impressive showing to date.

WIDE WORLD PHOTO

draped in their corners, first in darkness, then in sparse lighting, while TV and maintenance people scurried. An emergency generator was recruited; lights, camera, and action were resumed.

Action, indeed! Unlike many heavyweight buff-and-puffers, the blackout was *not* the most memorable part of the bout. In fact, it was quickly forgotten, as the Oklahoma gunslinger pulled the trigger, twice jarring Biggs (a straight right, then a left hook) late in the first. If anything, the shooting only gave the victim confidence. Instead of dying with his boots on, Tyrell came out for the second behind a beauty of a jab that soon had James backing up. Tillis poked out his own jab in retreat, but Biggs moved around it with skill.

If Tyrell's "stinker" image hadn't been buried already, it surely was in subsequent rounds. Moving authoritatively in the third, he chased Tillis into the ropes, then jarred him with a left hook and a right cross that sent water flying from his head—and fans from their seats. Wobbling catty-corner on unsteady pins, the veteran reclined on the strands, bobbing skillfully as Biggs showed his inexperience and flailed with zeal, but little effect. As if this weren't action enough, Tillis provided dessert when he went beyond mere survival, jolting Biggs with a right uppercut, then exploding off the ropes with a round-ending rally that had fans buzzing.

After taking the fourth round off to regain their wind, the two settled inside for a rugged battle in the fifth. Tyrell worked the body, while the crafty Tillis tried to spring the trap with loaded counters. Biggs was tagged with some good shots, but never seemed phased. The veteran looked tired from the sixth on, but rolled enough to take the kick out of Biggs' punches, while always looking for that one chance to catch the kid leaning the wrong way.

Tyrell could have boxed to a safe win in the eighth and last round, but seemed to find the target irresistible, punishing James, and delighting fans, to the bell. There was no doubt about the verdict, Rudy and Paul Battle both scoring 39-33; Joe O'Neil agreed, 39-34.

Breland's fight usually brings out the critics, and this one had a tough act to follow. The Brooklyn phenom, 148, made it look easy in the first, with fluid boxing and jolting combinations that quickly established him as boss. Despite a 25-0 record and the ESPN welterweight championship to prove he wasn't just a build-up bum, Wortham looked tense, and offered little in the way of offense. Normally a

lively, odd-angle puncher, Troy circled tentatively away, hands high, and appeared reluctant to brave Breland's fists in order to move within his own punching range.

By the second, a restless murmur stirred the crowd. Mark picked up the vibes, and stepped up his attack, rocking Wortham with rights. When Troy did get close, Breland punished him to the body, so that all he could do was to hold on. Trying to turn the tide with a bail-out right, Troy only found himself beaten to the punch by Mark's own solid shot. It was a lesson in frustration, and by the fourth, fans were beginning to boo.

But the show was going too well, and the crowd too spirited, to turn sour. Wortham finally began to relax, and launched a scrambling attack in the fifth, while Breland's boxing became a little less picturesque as he met the New Englander in the trenches. The action heated and the fans warmed. Mark's defense was noteworthy. He slipped punches well at close range, so that Wortham's belated charge served only to enliven the fans, without posing a major threat to the headliner.

The underdog did manage to pop Breland with some short rights down the slot, but paid for it in the sixth when a right counter almost spun him around. Breland pounced and hammered Wortham to the floor, but Troy arose and gamely held his ground, twice landing left hooks that may have saved him from doom.

Wortham kept trying, and the action remained brisk through the final rounds. The Olympic champion set the ESPN titlist on the bottom rope with a clubbing right in the ninth for another official knockdown. In the 10th a slingshot right buckled Wortham's knees. Breland seemed to toy like a cat with a victim, and didn't really press for the finisher. When the bout ended, the fans realized they'd seen a good one, in spite of the slow start. Joe O'Neil and Rudy Battle voted 50-38, Paul Battle 50-39, all for Breland. Working his first nationally-prominent bout as a referee was local ex-pro boxer Tony Wolfe.

More press attended this show than some heavyweight championships, as every small-town paper from Coatesville to Hershey seemed to be represented. Reporters used to covering high-school football and industrial bowling got their chance at a national event, and loved it. Initial interest concerned the blackout. "I expected the lights to go out," Biggs joked, "but I thought it would be for Tillis." Manager/trainer Lou Duva had lived through it before, in Lake Tahoe, when Scott Frank fought Mike Jameson. Whereas Biggs and Tillis had touched gloves and returned to their corners, Frank—a flake—had tried taking a shot-in-the-dark.

Needless to say, the Olympians' performances earned high praise. Lou Duva could barely contain his enthusiasm over Biggs. "He showed he has all the qualities of a champion. He showed he can punch, can take a punch, and can be hit and come back. This was a learning experience."

Tyrell confessed he was wary of Tillis' reputation for early fireworks, and seemed to indicate he felt the power. "He was much tougher than I expected," Biggs said of their initial encounters.

"Tillis wasn't getting tired," Lou qualified, "it was the hustle of Ty" (meaning his charge's high-gear performance left Tillis stumbling in the dust). James seemed to wish he had Tyrell's future, and paid tribute to the Olympian's guidance when he said, "I wish I had a good teacher when I started. I'm not from a fight town."

Tyrell's no-nonsense campaign has him facing David Bey next.

As usual, Breland had a tougher time with the press than he seemed to with his opponent. He appears to win so effortlessly, something just *has* to be wrong, but no one seems to know just what. So they probe, and look for something to criticize. Mark handled it well.

"Everybody's looking for me to fight a top ten fighter," he summarized. "Ya'll want to rush me. I don't know why."

Wortham's manager, Mac Buckley, praised Breland's skills, and attributed the outcome to Mark's ability, not to any miscues by his own fighter. Wortham offered no alibis. "I was very stiff," he admitted. "He was very confident, and established the fight early. He was doing the same things I was trying to do, and kept me off balance. It wasn't one of my better fights." Next up for the Olympian? The only man ever to blemish Mark's record, Darryl Anthony, who administered Breland's lone amateur loss.

IT'S ALL OVER NOW, BUT DAN DUVA holds forth in a nearly empty lobby, talking to a few lingering scribes. He's tired, and struggles to keep his concentration. Some writers have speculated that legal battles with rival promoters, and defections by ungrateful pugs, are getting to him. But he says he loves it. "The Traveling Circus," he jokingly calls it, but it's a circus with a lot of lion-tamers and no clowns. "We're developing new markets," he explains. The Olympians and their stablemates are bringing major cards to places like Norfolk and Hampton, Virginia, Providence, Rhode Island, Lafayette, Louisiana, and here.

"The networks don't like the quiet in the casinos," Dan continues. "You turn on a football game, and there's 80,000 people cheering. Turn on a fight, and it's like a tomb." No such problem in Lancaster: when cameras briefly panned the audience, animated fans sprung to their feet waving, trying to attract a moment of prominence.

The matchmaking hasn't been easy, either. Boxing is changing from the salad days of a few years back. The Olympians have eschewed the careful stepping-stone path that has bred so many flash-in-the-pan champions, and been meeting tough competition, head-on.

"I resent it when people, usually hearing it from some promoter who's jealous, say we've been fighting nothing but bums," Dan bristles. (Free court-room passes to the first person who can guess who he means.) "If you don't have competition, you won't learn."

Each Olympian requires a different approach to matchmaking. Pernell Whitaker has been the toughest. Nobody seems to want him. The relatively underplayed Meldrick Taylor has been the easiest. With Biggs, they've had no qualms about simply accepting the toughest matches. With Breland, they just throw money at any opponent with a decent record and no punching power. The networks have been willing to pay well for Mark's name, but this has led to some dry matches that have failed to ignite praise and adulation.

"One of the big problems with Mark," Dan admits, "is the guys he's fighting are so intimidated. We gotta get a guy who's not afraid."

Lou's not afraid.

"When he fights somebody like that, it'll bring out the best in him," he promises.

There's always a naysayer in the crowd. It wouldn't be interesting if there weren't. "Breland's just another Chuck Davey, the ultimate TV-made fighter," warned an out-of-town expert. "Davey was the most popular fighter on television . . . until he met Gavilan."

Bertram Buchanan, 155¼, New York, won a unanimous decision over Mario Davis, 155½, Buffalo, six. Tony Wolfe refereed.

William Martinez, 138½, Philadelphia, dropped and TKO'd James Woodhouse, 134½, Philadelphia, at 2:09 of the third round in a scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Timekeeper—Elise Lashe.

Announcer—Hank Kropinski.

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WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Mark Breland (left) connects with a left hook to the head of Troy Wortham during their 10-rounder in Lancaster. Breland breezed to an easy points win over the previously unbeaten Wortham.

1967: THE YEAR WE GOT THE WARNING

by Joseph D'O'Brian

Ernie Terrell "tunes-up" for his match with Eddie Machen. Terrell outpointed Machen in a dull bout to become the first WBA heavyweight champion.

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. THE Alphabet Boys didn't just crawl out from under a rock and announce that they were taking over boxing when Muhammad Ali finally retired in 1978. To understand how the WBA, WBC and IBF got to where they could turn boxing into a pile of dung, you have to think of them as a chronic disease, of the kind that flares up when the body is too weak to resist it. Like cancer.

The average healthy body often has a few cancerous cells in it, but the body's immune system is able to keep them from causing any trouble. When the immune system fails, that's when you've got trouble. That's the way the Alphabet Boys have always operated.

In one form or another, the Alphabet Boys have been around boxing for about fifty years. They started out as fairly honest, honorable organizations, evolved from there to become a pain in the ass, and from there to become a very dangerous, possibly fatal, pain in the whole body.

There are a lot of young boxing fans coming up nowadays who are too young to remember the first time the Alphabet Boys put boxing in the hospital, and since those who fail to learn history are doomed to repeat it, I present this month an historical retrospective: 1967, The Coming Of Age Of The Alphabet Boys.

At the beginning of 1967, there were basically three governing bodies in boxing: the WBA, the New York State Athletic Commission, and the people. You'd never believe it now, but at that time, the people were the most powerful organization. They knew who was the real champion in each division, and they recognized him as such even if the WBA or the N.Y.S.A.C. decided to flex their puny muscles by recognizing a pretender.

Now, the WBA and the N.Y.S.A.C. were not always villains. They started out in the 1930s (when the WBA was the National Boxing Association) as a couple of fairly ineffective organizations who tried to keep the sport honest. Over the years, they turned into a bunch of busybodies who tried to dictate when and whom the various world champions would fight. On occasion, they would "strip" a champion of his title and install a pretender, but this pretender would never receive much recognition from the fans. Usually, all he would get was a match with the real champ, who would almost always win anyway.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, these organizations scored a couple of minor victories. The NBA stripped Ray Robinson of his middleweight title for failing to defend it often enough, and both organizations took the light-heavyweight title from Archie Moore for the same reason. As it happened, Moore had no interest in defending his title anyway, which allowed the NBA champ, Harold Johnson, to claim the title by default. The confusion in the

middleweight division finally cleared with the emergence of Dick Tiger, the NBA's man, as clearly the best of the bunch. But these were essentially accidents. In general, the people still had a handle on what was what, and the champ of each division was a "people's champ."

In 1963, the NBA changed its name to the WBA, and the next year they were set to go after big game: the heavyweights.

Previously, when a governing body tried to strip the title from a reigning champ, it was for an understandable reason, such as failure to defend the title. In late 1964, the WBA for the first time tried to take a title away just for the hell of it. It didn't work, but it was a near thing. Here's how it happened:

Early in 1964, a dark horse named Cassius Clay scored the upset of the generation by taking the heavyweight title from Sonny Liston. A few days later, he announced that he was a Black Muslim, and that his name was Cassius X. Shortly after that, he became Muhammad Ali.

It's hard to understand now, but at the time, the Black Muslims were a very scary organization, composed largely of tough-looking ex-convicts and led by a man who called all white men "devils." Because Ali was a member of this unsavory group, there were quite a few people who felt that he was as "dangerous" as Jack Johnson had been many years before.

When the WBA announced, in late 1964, that it was stripping Muhammad Ali of the heavyweight title, the official reason given was that Ali had signed a contract with Liston guaranteeing the ex-champ a return bout. The WBA frowned on these return clauses, and they claimed they were punishing Ali thus to make sure that no future championship fight contract would contain such a clause.

That was what they said. The real reason why they tried to take Ali's title, as everyone knew, was that he was a Black Muslim.

In any case, the WBA set up a match in early 1965 between two second-rate contenders, Ernie Terrell and Eddie Machen, for "the heavyweight championship of the world." Terrell won an unbelievably dull decision, and the people who considered him the real heavyweight champ could be counted on the fingers of a snake.

If Terrell had been an exciting fighter, and if Ali hadn't been such a great showman, the WBA might have pulled it off. As it was, they forced Ali to meet Terrell in the ring.

Ali won that fight easily, but it wasn't a total loss for the WBA. They had established a degree of credibility just by forcing Ali to meet Terrell in the ring: By doing so, they caused the general populace to be aware that the WBA existed, and perhaps look to them as a kind of government.

Thus, the WBA was well positioned for the future. Muhammad Ali was already threatening to refuse to be drafted; if he did refuse, and went to jail for it, he might not be in a position to defend his title. In that case, who could stop the WBA from naming his successor?

In the summer of 1967, Ali was tried for draft evasion, convicted, and sentenced to five years imprisonment. Although he was released on bail, and in the end served no prison time at all, no boxing commission would grant him a license to fight. But even before the word came down from on high that Ali would not be allowed to fight—a patently illegal decision—the WBA had taken action.

Within hours of the end of Ali's trial, the WBA announced that Ali had once again been stripped of his title. The vacant title would be claimed, the WBA ruled, by the winner of an elimination tournament involving (according to them) the eight top contenders: Oscar Bonavena, Ernie Terrell, Thad Spencer, Jerry Quarry, Floyd Patterson, Joe Frazier,

Buster Mathis beat Joe Frazier in the amateurs, but was stopped in the 11th round of their 1968 battle for the New York State Athletic Commission's version of the heavyweight title.

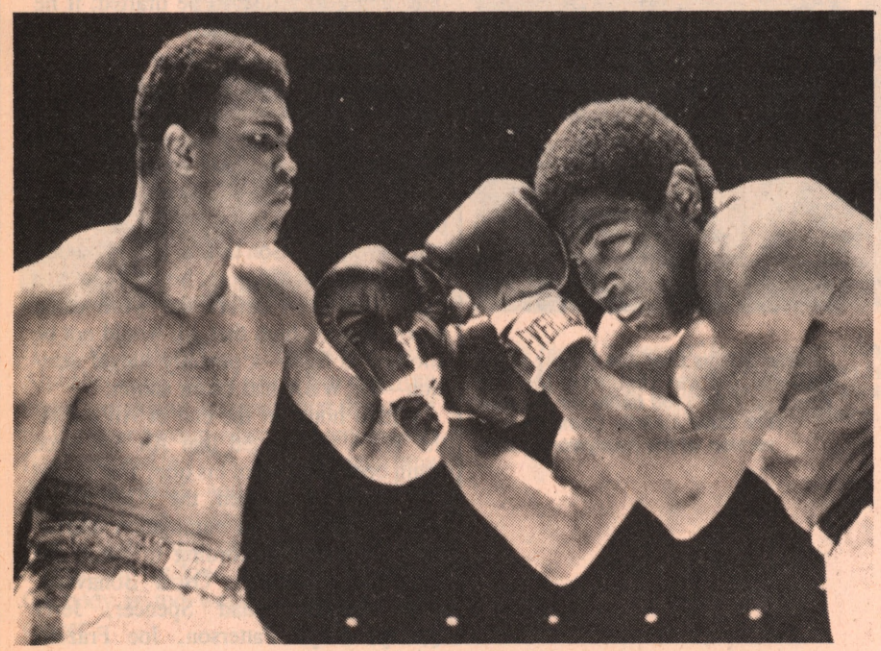
No, this is not the batting order for the Houston Astros. From left to right we have: Jimmy Ellis, Leotis Martin, Thad Spencer and Ernie Terrell—four of the contestants in the WBA's 1967 heavyweight tournament.

Jimmy Ellis and Karl Mildenberger.

In a way, this was fair enough. If Muhammad Ali had been struck by a bolt of lightning (or killed in Vietnam), a large tournament would have been necessary to choose his successor, since the talent in the heavyweight division at that time was spread pretty evenly. And with the exception of Jimmy Ellis (whose only claim to fame was that he'd been Ali's favorite sparring partner), the list was pretty fair.

In another way, though, it sucked, and the whole boxing community knew it. Ali was alive, and very willing to fight. We all realized that the WBA was opportunistically robbing a man whose hands had been tied by the government. And as long as Ali's hands were tied, so were the hands of every other honest man.

Muhammad Ali (left) took a unanimous decision over Ernie Terrell in their 1967 match for the undisputed heavyweight title.



Now, here's how it looked to the WBA: They figured that Joe Frazier, by far the best man of the eight, would win the tournament and be good enough to hang onto it until Ali got out of prison. At that point, Frazier would be just reaching his prime: He would mug the prison-rusty Ali, and the WBA would have a lock on the heavyweight division, and thus on boxing.

But there were two factors that took the gilt off the gingerbread, and fixed it so that the WBA would never be in complete control of the sport. One was the New York State Athletic Commission. Although they controlled boxing only in New York, the N.Y.S.A.C. was respected nationwide as a group that at least knew what they were doing; thus, many other state commissions tended to watch what New York was doing, and follow their lead. In any case, the N.Y.S.A.C. saw the WBA's action as a major threat to their own power base. Something had to be done.

At this point, two very fortunate coincidences came to the aid of the N.Y.S.A.C. The first was that the old Madison Square Garden—the one on Eighth Avenue and 49th Street—was being torn down and replaced with a new, state-of-the-art arena at Penn Station. The other was that Joe Frazier and his manager outsmarted the WBA.

"Listen," said Frazier's manager, Yank Durham, "if you want to win that WBA tournament, you have to fight three times. And if you win the tournament, who will there be left to beat? Wouldn't it make more sense to win the title on one fight?"

Frazier wanted the title—or at least part of it—and Madison Square Garden wanted a headliner to open their show at Penn Station. So Durham and the Garden's matchmaker, Teddy Brenner, went to the N.Y.S.A.C. and asked, "If Frazier fights Buster Mathis at the new Garden, will you recognize it as a world title fight?" The N.Y.S.A.C. almost soiled themselves from joy.

. . The WBA quickly replaced Frazier with a now-forgotten fighter named Leotis Martin (who was, to be fair, a pretty good battler, but who wasn't marketable because he spoke with a severe lisp). Their tournament was a strange one, every fight ending in an upset. They had figured that without Frazier, the tournament would be

won by Terrell, Patterson or Martin; each of them was eliminated in the first go-round. In the semi-final round, Ellis, who couldn't punch, decked the iron-jawed Bonavena twice (something Joe Frazier never managed in a total of 25 rounds), and won easily. Jerry Quarry, who couldn't box, outboxed dancing master Thad Spencer and stopped him in the twelfth.

The N.Y.S.A.C.'s title bout took place before the WBA's. It was by far the more interesting of the two. Frazier and Buster Mathis were old rivals: They had been the world's top two heavies in the amateurs; Mathis had actually beaten Frazier in the Olympic Trials, but had been forced out of competition by a hand injury. Mathis is almost unknown today, but in the 1960s he was fairly well known as a freak: He was a 300-pounder, and those 300 pounds looked like pure blubber. Yet he could move and box like a middleweight. He did that against Frazier for a few rounds, and then Frazier began to wear him down. Mathis had already shed 60 pounds so that wouldn't look so funny, and Frazier's body shots weakened him further. In the eleventh round he collapsed, and he never again fought a good fight.

Six weeks later, in April 1968, Jimmy Ellis and Jerry Quarry kept up the WBA's long and proud tradition of presenting the most boring title fights in the world. The two counterpunchers spent 15 rounds waiting for one another to throw a punch, and when the final bell rang, the judges decreed that Ellis had feinted better than Quarry.

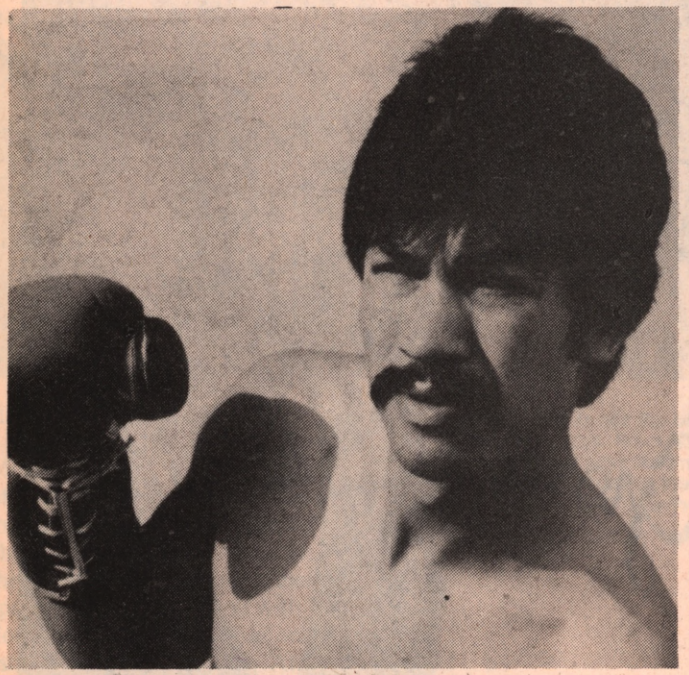
And so, for the first time, the Alphabet Boys took control. As is the case today, their power was divided, but even at that, they were powerful enough to bury Muhammad Ali for four years. And divided cells tend to divide further. That's how we got the WBC and the IBF, each of them able to bury whomever they please.

Most people can think of one or two years of their lives that they'd just as soon have skipped. Boxing might just as well have skipped 1967.

But we didn't. And now it's too late. □

Dick Tiger receives his championship belt from Nat Fleischer, founder of The Ring. Tiger won the NBA (later known as the WBA) title, and was eventually universally recognized as middleweight champion.

Ask the Answerman



This month, the Answerman helps reader Carl Gumina win a wager over Carlos Palimino's ethnic background.

Q: What is the nationality of former world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino? I say Mexican, but my friend says Panamanian. A dinner rides on your answer.

CARL GUMINA
Lorain, Ohio

A: *Mexican. Enjoy your meal.*

Q: How many pro fights did Muhammad Ali lose?

PHIL ALONZO
Great Falls, N.Y.

A: *Five—to Joe Frazier, Ken Norton, Leon Spinks, Larry Holmes, and Trevor Berbick.*

Q: What was Frank Moran's record?

DAN BUCHWACH
Wheeling, W. Va.

A: *Moran, a 6 ft. 1½ in. 200-pounder, had 60 recorded bouts in a career that stretched from 1910 to 1922, winning 34, losing 11, and drawing two. The remaining 13 bouts were "no decision." Frank, who dubbed his right hand punch his "Mary Ann," was outpointed by Jack Johnson in a 20-round title bout in Paris on June 27, 1914. Moran died at the age of 80 on December 18, 1967.*

Q: I have a two-dollar bet with the old guy in the next bed here in the hospital, and we'd like you to settle it for us. He maintains that Rocky Marciano never lost a fight as an amateur or a pro. I showed him an article about Joe DeAngelis outpointing Rocky in Portland, Ore., on August 23, 1946, but he doesn't believe it. Is the article, by Pat Leonard in *Yankee* Magazine, accurate or not?

WILBUR B. KENNEDY
Quincy, Mass.

A: *It is. DeAngelis was one of four men to beat Marciano in the amateur ranks.*

Q: Who holds the record for most lifetime wins?

JOHN F. MODICA
New York, N.Y.

A: *Willie Pep, with 229.*

Q: Who were Nat Fleischer's all-time top 10 heavyweights?

JACK McMILLAN
St. Louis, Mo.

A: *1. Jack Johnson, 2. Jim Jeffries, 3. Bob Fitzsimmons, 4. Jack Dempsey, 5. Jim Corbett, 6. Joe Louis, 7. Sam Langford, 8. Gene Tunney, 9. Max Schmeling, 10. Rocky Marciano. The list was made in 1958.*

Q: Who was the first Korean boxer to win a world title as a pro?

TONY MARCANO
Bronx, New York

A: *Ki-Soo Kim. He won the world junior middleweight title with a split decision over Nino Benvenuti in Seoul on June 25, 1966.*

Q: Whatever happened to Pinky Mitchell, the former junior welter champ who penned "It Happened In Wisconsin" in *The Ring* back in the '50s?

MOE GOLDBERG
Miami, Fla.

A: *Myron (Pinkey) Mitchell died in Milwaukee on January 28, 1970. He was 70 years old.*

Q: Whatever happened to David Capo, the New York Spanish Gloves champ?

JULIO VARGA
Rockaway, N.Y.

A: *Capo looked like a good prospect at the start of his career, losing a fairly close eight-round decision to Juan LaPorte in his pro debut and beating Leo Randolph in his second start. He had to be the most mismanaged fighter in the history of boxing, being thrown in with "the wolves" right from the outset. One loss followed on the heels of another, until Capo became an "opponent." He is still nominally active, but has not won since June 2, 1980. A February 21, 1984 loss to Jocko King in Atlantic City is mistakenly listed as a win in the 1985* Ring Record Book.

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MY ENCOUNTER WITH THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

A Personal Glimpse
At The Legendary Gene Tunney

by Allen Carmichael

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tunney greet their fans upon returning to the United States following a European honeymoon in 1929. Gene had recently retired as the undefeated heavyweight champion.

ON A WARM JULY NIGHT IN MONTREAL you can almost hear the salmon fighting their way upstream on the Cascapedia River, 500 miles away on the Gaspé Peninsula. At least, I can now. In those days I was a relatively young salesman and had yet to kill my first salmon, or meet my first celebrity! The latter, at least, was to change as a voice broke through my concentration:

"Gene Tunney is coming to town and I wonder if you would be good enough to meet him at the airport and then join us for dinner?" asked our Company President as I was filling in my sales reports for the day.

I quickly accepted, knowing that a group of them were about to embark on a fishing expedition and would be catching the Ocean Limited later in the evening on the first leg of their train journey to the Gaspé. I would have accepted anything, if it included an invitation to join them on the river, but I knew that this would not be forthcoming.

Anticipating a lovely July evening, my wife had previously arranged a garden cocktail party at our house, only a few miles from the airport, but she did understand, when I told her, that a request from our President was, in fact, a command. She knew, also, how much I would enjoy this unique opportunity of meeting the man who had beaten the great Jack Dempsey in the third million dollar fight in boxing history.

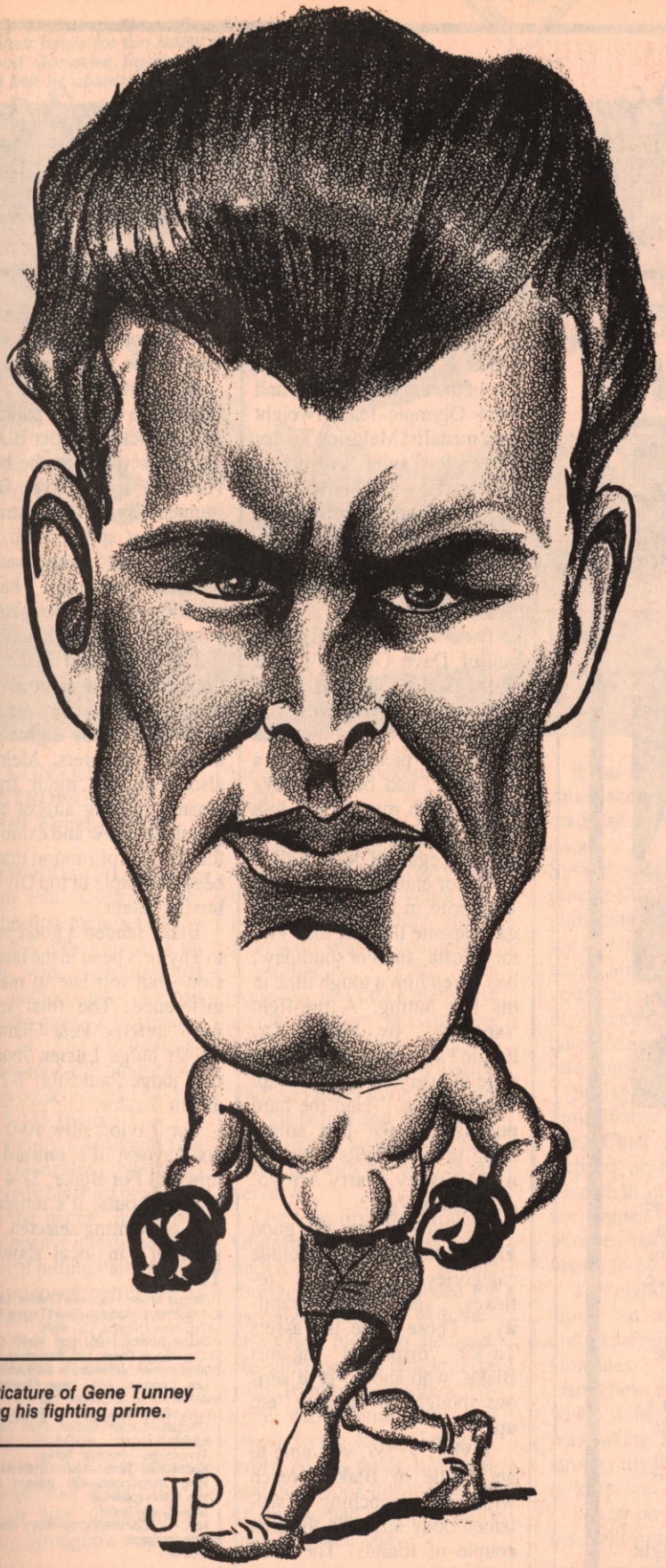
Having been on hand for the start of the cocktail party it was unfortunate that I miscalculated the volume of traffic on the highway and arrived about five minutes late. I was horrified on driving up to the arrivals gate to see what looked to me like the side of a mountain, and had to be the world's former heavyweight champion, having his bags placed into the back of a taxi. With his large frame, his rugged features, his naturally dominant appearance and manner he was, of course, the first off the plane and through the customs. I had not allowed for this, being, personally, more inclined to be at the end of such lines on most occasions.

I approached, introduced myself and was greeted with a gruff: "Nobody told me you were coming and I was going downtown to have dinner at Café Martin!" Café Martin was at that time a well known and popular Montreal bistro. He tipped the cab driver in what to me would have been a lavish manner and had his luggage transferred into my car. When he placed himself in the front seat beside me I imagined that the car gently lowered itself another two inches on its springs to accommodate him.

"The rest of your group has been playing at Royal Montreal Golf Club this afternoon and will be waiting for us to join them for dinner," I announced by way of starting a conversation on the short trip from Dorval to Dixie. Never suspecting what the reaction might be.

"If anyone thinks," he said ominously, and in a voice that reverberated around the car, "that I am going to sit and wait for them to come in from a golf game and then have to listen to them analyse their individual games one by one and hole by hole they are sadly mistaken! Take me to Café Martin and we'll have dinner and then go to the station to meet the others."

In a manner reminiscent of those who have had their lives flash before them, I had visions of my wife and two children standing in line before a soup kitchen following my expulsion from the only job I ever had. "I can't do that," I cried as I swerved perilously close to the ditch in my anguish. "My job wouldn't be worth a dime if I didn't deliver you to the club;



A caricature of Gene Tunney during his fighting prime.

you *are* the star attraction, you know, and I'm not exactly the thunderbird on the company totem pole."

I think that the break in my voice, and the almost audible sob caused him to take pity on me and he proposed a compromise: "If everyone has finished golf and if they are already on the balcony with drinks in hand we'll stay. If not, then we go to Café Martin." Feeling I had little option, I agreed and said a little prayer.

A few minutes later as we walked towards the club house balcony from the parking area it was with a sense of salvation that I heard voices calling, "Hello, Gene! We're over here!"

As we sat down, a waiter raced over and, ignoring me, asked the big man what he would like. A large martini and very, very dry was his order and, feeling some competence in this department, I ordered the same. It was large, it was very dry and it was evident that I had erred in my judgment of my competence. I felt compelled to sip it very slowly. So slowly, in fact, that before I had finished he was on his third.

Moving into the dining room we were ushered deferentially to a choice table for six, gleaming with crystal and silverware. Around us the atmosphere was opulent, quiet and discreet with the ladies colorfully attired in appropriate dress, and the men wearing club jackets and ties, or business suits. At our table, however, all eyes were focused on the guest of honor.

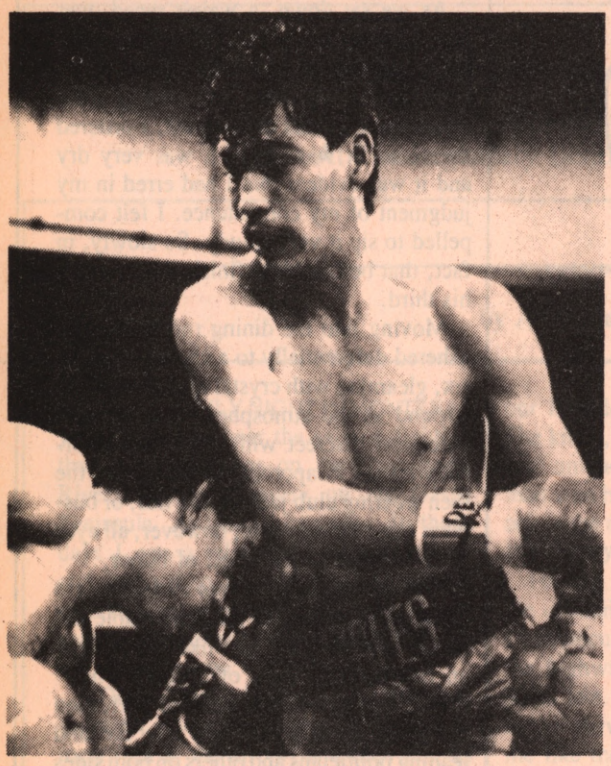
The man's presence was awesome. He completely dominated the dinner table and names fell from his lips like pages from an international copy of "who's who." David, I gathered, was Edward VIII, then the Duke of Windsor, Ike was Ike and leading politicians and others on both sides of the Atlantic were familiars with whom he had been conversing both here and abroad in recent weeks. It was an experience I have obviously not forgotten as I write about it now, more than three decades later.

As they departed to catch the train, I was envious and yet grateful for having had the opportunity of meeting this man who had so completely dominated his profession of boxing and then moved easily into the board rooms of several large corporations.

It was some years later before I had my opportunity of doing battle with that other great heavyweight champion—the Atlantic Salmon. □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



Fighter of the Month Paul Gonzales follows through with a right cross on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision over Alonso Strongbow for the NABF flyweight title.

After only three professional bouts, **Paul Gonzales** became the first of Americas' 1984 Olympic medalists to capture a professional title, outpointing veteran Alonso Strongbow for the NABF flyweight title. The outstanding performance also earned Gonzales *The Ring*'s Fighter of the Month honors. The American public has always ignored the flyweight division, but Gonzales could very well be the boxer who changes all that.

Meldrick Taylor, another Olympic hero, is this month's runner-up on the strength of his 10-round decision over Robin Blake. Taylor surprised many, handing Blake a one-sided beating for the most impressive victory of his young career.

Tim Witherspoon earns honorable mention for his decision win over Tony Tubbs for the WBA heavyweight title, as does cruiserweight comer **Henry Milligan** for his knockout over rugged Lionel Byarm.

TAYLOR-BLAKE

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—THE day of the amateur is here, and 1984 Olympic featherweight gold medalist Meldrick Taylor proved it. Taylor, in his first 10-rounder—and his 10th pro contest—scored a convincing unanimous decision over former lightweight contender Robin Blake, his first real "name" opponent.

The 5'11½" Blake, fighting out of Dave Gorman's Fort Worth stable, thought a victory over the Olympian would catapult him back into the world title picture. Blake, a southpaw, had been inactive since a 14th round TKO loss to IBF champion Jimmy Paul in Las Vegas on June 30th.

Taylor entered the ring a 3-1 favorite in the eyes of Vegas, despite the fact that Victor Acosta, another southpaw, had given him a tough time in his last outing. A pre-fight "analysis" by NBC's Dr. Ferdie Pacheco gave Blake the edge in every category except "momentum." Had the hard punching Blake lost something in hard fights with Tyrone Crawley, Harry Arroyo, and Jimmy Paul?

It's too bad that the good Fight Doctor did not include categories like "speed," "reflexes," and "maneuverability." Those were the assets Taylor displayed against Blake, who should give serious thought to hanging 'em up.

Taylor, 135¾, was able to get inside of Blake's reach with ease, launching a sustained body attack in the first couple of rounds. The third frame saw the action heating up, Taylor's combos slamming home again and again.

The next round and a half followed a familiar pattern—Taylor ducking under Blake's jab and scoring to the body. Then, in round five, Blake stunned Taylor with a straight punch that split his lip, and the Olympian went back to counter punching, having abandoned all thoughts of winning by a knockout.

The 135-pound Blake continued to dictate in the seventh round, but Taylor resumed command in the eighth with beautiful counters. Meldrick also took the ninth frame, cleanly landing almost every punch he threw and exhibiting the fluidity of motion that has been the staple of top Olympic boxing talent.

Blake landed a good punch to Taylor's head in the last session—but too late to make a difference. The final scores were: referee Pete Giarusso, 6-2-2; judge Lucien Joubert, 6-4; judge Paul Sita, 7-2-1—all for Taylor.

For Taylor, now 10-0 with six kayoes, it's onward and upward. For Blake, 27-4 with 18 knockouts, it's retirement . . . or fighting selected "opponents" in local shows in Texas.

Reggie Miller, 149, Lake Charles, La., won a unanimous decision over Timmy Rabon, 147½, New Orleans, La., eight.

Jesse Shelby, 185, Fort Worth, Texas, TKO'd Reggie Dixon, 146, Beaumont, Texas, 2:02 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Lee Sanders, 161, Lake Charles, La., knocked out Jo Jo Cooper, 160½, Covington, La., in 1:35 of round two in a scheduled six.

Officials—Lucien Joubert, Pete Giarusso, Paul Sita.

Timekeeper—Herman Sonier.

Knockdown Timer—Morris Guttman.

Ring Announcers—Bill Besson (main), Shelly Mann (prelims).

Site—Civic Center.

NBC-TV. Commentators—Marv Albert, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco.

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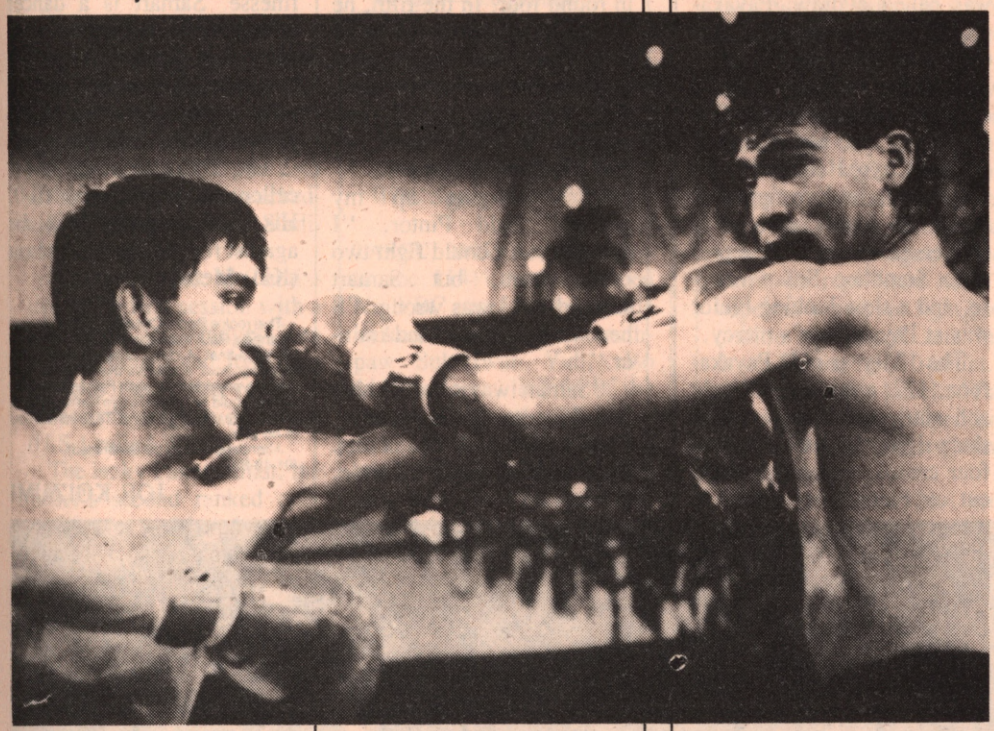
Alonso Strongbow (left) and Paul Gonzales trade lefts during their battle for the NABF flyweight crown in Hollywood. Gonzales, fighting in only his third pro fight, won the belt by unanimous decision.



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GONZALES-STRONGBOW
NABF Flyweight Title

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Local hero Paul Gonzales became the first member of the 1984 USA Olympic boxing team to win a professional title, outpointing Alonso Strongbow over 12 fast-paced rounds at The Palladium. Gonzales took the unanimous decision by scores of 117-111 and 116-113 (twice).

The victory was a giant step up for Gonzales, who was having only his third pro fight. Before the match, many observers openly questioned the wisdom of pitting Paul against such a seasoned performer as Strongbow. In October of '85, Alonso had gone 15 rounds with Hilario Zapata for the vacant WBC 112-pound crown, and although Zapata won the decision, many felt that Strongbow's experience would be too much for a youngster like Gonzales to handle. Strongbow agreed, predicting a knockout win in eight.

Gonzales' battle plan was simple. He would rely on his wonderful legs to carry him out of harm's way, while peppering the defending champion with snappy counters.

Strongbow, 111½, Los Angeles, had other plans. He advanced from the opening bell, hoping that Gonzales would fade under pressure. Paul had never gone past eight rounds before and Alonso was confident he would eventually catch up with his elusive adversary.

Over the first three rounds, Gonzales had things well under control, but in the fourth, Strongbow closed the gap and connected with several heavy blows to the head. He continued his attack in the fifth, scoring well with a left-right combination that sent sweat flying from Gonzales' brow. At this point, it was beginning to look like the former Olympian had bitten off more than he could chew.

It was in the sixth that Gonzales showed what he was made of. Instead of folding under the pressure of Strongbow's onslaught, he punched back with authority, punishing Alonso with stinging counters. At the end of the round Strongbow was bruised under his right eye and probably wondering what it would take to discourage his dancing tormentor.

Strongbow, who named himself after the famous wrestler, Chief Jay Strongbow, stepped up his attack in the seventh in an attempt to regain the upper hand. Gonzales punched back with gusto, refusing to be intimidated.

The eighth and ninth were close, but over the first two and a half minutes of the 10th, Gonzales outpunched Strongbow five to one. Just when it looked like Alonso was fading fast, he staged a strong rally the last 30 seconds to keep him in the fight.

Urged on by the chants of his followers, Gonzales regained his momentum in the 11th, punishing Strongbow with pinpoint counters.

All Gonzales, also 111½, had to do was finish on his feet. But instead of running out the clock in the 12th, he met Strongbow head on and slugged it out toe-to-toe for much of the final three minutes. It got a little sloppy down the stretch, but the crowd loved it.

It had been a good, clean fight and a credit to both men. Referee Lou Filippo had little to do but watch.

For Gonzales, the future seems unlimited. Although television normally treats flyweights as if they were lepers, two of Paul's three pro bouts have been nationally televised.

Olympic heavyweight gold medalist Henry Tillman, 195, Los Angeles, TKO'd Sylvester Lee, 202, Los Angeles, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Ricky Romero, 113, knocked out Eduardo Pacheco, also 113, Tijuana, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Oscar Chavarria, 120¾, San Bernardino, won a unanimous decision over Pedro Lara, 119, San Bernardino, six.

Prelim referee—Lou Moret.
Timekeeper—Eric Koslow.
Ring Announcer—Bill Caplan.
Knockout Promotions.
Attendance—1,277. Gross—$12,175.
CBS-TV. Commentators—Tim Ryan, Gil Clancy.
(02-02-86)

PAYAKAROON-PINTOR
WBC Super Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Southpaw Samart Payakaroon became the 10th Thai boxer to win a world title when he knocked out defending WBC super bantamweight champion Lupe Pintor with a smashing left hook in 1:31 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12 in Hua Mark Indoor Stadium.

There was plenty of trouble. Pintor weighed 125 pounds at the second weigh-in—three pounds over the class limit—and WBC witness Bobby Lee of Hawaii declared the title would be vacant if he won or if the fight

was called a draw. Payakaroon, however, could become champ by defeating Pintor.

Lupe had made a strenuous effort to reduce after the first weigh-in, and his manager, Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez, did not want to let him fight that night. He finally gave in to the persuasions of Thai impresario Sombhop Srisomvongse, and a slow looking Pintor was at Payakaroon's mercy.

The 23-year-old Payakaroon, 122, circled to his right and stung the Mexican with sharp right jabs to take the first four cantos, opening a slight cut on Pintor's left eyebrow in round four. In the fifth, he landed a well-timed left hook to the face, and Pintor went down on the seat of his pants. He was too tired—and stunned—to beat referee Arthur Mercante's 10-count.

"I'm hanging up my gloves," said Pintor. "I thought that I could fight two more years, but Samart showed me I was wrong. I'll become a manager and trainer."

"Samart was smart," said the 75-year-old Hernandez. "He fought with his brains. Lupe tried to match his style, but in vain."

Payakaroon is not a typical Thai fighter—durable and hard punching, but lacking in finesse. Samart is a dancer whose fine footwork keeps him out of danger. He took up "international style" boxing after a great career in *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing).

The Thai, who was in excellent shape, is now 10-0. His first defense will be against former champion Juan (Kid) Meza.

Thai rookie Rocky Chitalada TKO'd Mexican southpaw Raul Valdez in the second round of the semi-final. A clash of heads had Valdez bleeding from a cut on the forehead, and ringside physician Dr. Yuth Pothamarick ruled that he could not go on. Cuyo Hernandez protested the stoppage—and TKO verdict—but to no avail.

Attendance—10,000 (estimated).
(01-18-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

Thailand's Samart Payakarun (far right) celebrates his fifth-round knockout over Lupe Pintor for the WBC super bantamweight title.

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GALAXY-MONSERRAT
WBA Junior Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Kaosai Galaxy, 115, Thailand, retained his WBA junior bantamweight title by knocking out fellow southpaw Edgar Monserrat, also 115, in 2:43 of the second round in a scheduled 15 at Rajadamnern Stadium.

Monserrat took the initiative in the first session with a long right jab. Judges Ken Morita (Japan) and Jose Garcia (U.S.) gave that round to Monserrat; judge Rudy Jordan (U.S.) called it even.

The lanky Panamanian, the WBA's second ranked contender, got reckless in round two. He fought his way inside the champ with solid short blows, and ran into a Galaxy left. Down went Edgar! He beat the count, but Galaxy knocked him down again with a wicked left. Monserrat made it to his feet again, but the champ floored him for the third time with a flurry climaxed by a right uppercut. Referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the contest due to the WBA's three-knockdown rule, but Monserrat was truly "out." He could not have risen within 10 seconds.

"I wanted him to go on the offensive," said Galaxy. "The more punches he threw, the better I could hit him. My fight plan worked perfectly."

Luis Spada, Monserrat's business manager, praised the Thai. "Kaosai is tough, strong, and can take a punch. My boy landed punches that would probably have hurt anyone but Galaxy. He's a good champion."

Niwat Laosuwanwat, Galaxy's manager, said that "there are few challengers willing to meet Galaxy. . . . My boy is too strong."

Galaxy is now 30-1 with 27 kayoes. Monserrat is 13-2.

Promoter—Niwat Laosuwanwat.

Attendance—4,500 (estimated).
(12-23-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

WATANABE-YUN
WBC Super Flyweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA—JIRO WATANABE, 114¾, Japan, retained his WBC super flyweight title by knocking out fellow southpaw Suk-Hwan Yuh, also 114¾, Korea, in 2:34 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12.

This was a little bit of a grudge fight. Former champion Chul-Ho Kim, to whom Watanabe lost a close decision in 1981, was Yun's chief second. That loss to Kim is still the only blot on Jiro's record.

The 23-year-old Yun compiled a 90-5 (73 kayoes) amateur record before turning pro in August, 1983. He won the Korean flyweight crown by beating Yun-Hee Kim in his third contest and compiled a 9-1 log with six kayoes prior to his bout with Watanabe.

Yun opened the first round with a fine rally, landing several good lefts to Watanabe's face. At the two-minute mark, however, Jiro countered with a well timed right to the Korean's chin. Down he went. American referee Tony Perez gave him the mandatory eight-count, and Sok-Hwan went back to fighting.

Round two was furious. Watanabe caught the forward pressing Yun with a left counter, and the Korean went down flat. He made it to his feet at nine, and referee Perez let him continue. Watanabe put the pressure on the rubber-legged Korean with a flurry of blows climaxed by a short right hook that put him down again. Yun got up again as the round ended.

The challenger recovered between rounds, and tried to pull the fat out of the fire with left hand bombs in the next two rounds. Watanabe simply stalked Yun, looking to apply the finisher.

The partisan Korean crowd thought that the fight had turned, but they were wrong. A wicked right sent Sok-Hwan to the canvas. He beat the count, but a combination sent him down again. Once more, he rose—and made a hopeless attempt to fight back until a right hook sent him down for the full 10-count.

Yun had been knocked flat. An oxygen mask helped him regain consciousness within a few minutes.

Watanabe, now 26-1 with 17 kayoes, thus became the first Japanese world champ to successfully defend his crown on foreign soil. He got about $180,000 for this bout, half of it from Palpal Promotions of Korea and the other half from TV Tokyo, which televised the contest live in Japan. This reporter was the TV commentator.

The 30-year-old Watanabe has now made more than 1.5 million dollars with his fists. Jiro could retire, but he's looking forward to a mandatory defense against Mexican challenger Gilberto Roman. That fight will not be as one-sided as this defense against Yun.

Palpal Promotions.
Attendance—8,000 (estimated).
WBC witness—Tony Martinez (Hong Kong).
TV—KBS in Korea; TV Tokyo in Japan.
(12-13-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

YUH-OLIVO
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

TAEGU, KOREA—ORIENTAL & Pacific Boxing Federation 108-pound champion Myung-Woo Yuh, 107¾, Seoul, Korea, won the WBA title with a split decision over lanky Joey Olivo, 107, Los Angeles, Calif., 15.

The 21-year-old Yuh was the aggressor, with Olivo attempting to counter as he fought on the retreat. The first three rounds were rather tame, as the two men probed with stinging lefts. In the fourth, Olivo landed a good one-two. Yuh replied by catching Joey with solid lefts to the belly and left hooks to the face in the fifth canto, Olivo sustaining a cut over the right eyebrow.

Yuh was in command in the sixth inning, but Olivo won the seventh and eighth sessions with sharp counters to the face. The next two frames were even.

The Korean won the last five rounds, stunning Joey with solid left and right hooks to the face. Olivo got on his bicycle, but the challenger was all over him with punches to the face and body.

The final scoring was as follows: Carlos Berrocal (Panama), 148-142, Yuh; Samuel Conte (Puerto Rico), 146-141, Yuh; Jesus Celis (Venezuela), 145-143, Olivo. Isidro Rodriguez (Venezuela) was the non-scoring referee.

The crowd, including many of Yuh's fellow servicemen, gave the new champ a standing ovation. Yuh is now 19-0 with four knockouts. Olivo, 28, is 36-5 with seven kayoes.

The baby-faced Yuh, the youngest of six brothers, will make his first defense against Puerto Rican Jose DeJesus, the WBA's top ranked contender. If he gets by DeJesus, Yuh then will face Olivo in a rematch.

The new champ is a strong puncher, despite his comparatively low knockout percentage. He demolished Oh-Kong Oh, then the WBA's third ranked challenger, in September, and is regarded as a very crafty infighter. Korean fight fans would like to see a title unification match between Yuh and WBC 108-pound ruler Jung-Koo Chang.
(12-08-85)

JOE KOIZUMI

THE ROAD TO UNIFICATION?

Witherspoon Wins WBA Crown From Tubbs As HBO Announces Plans For Seven Bout Series To Unify Heavyweight Title

WBC heavyweight boss Pinklon Thomas, flanked by former world champ Larry Holmes (left) and IBF titleholder Michael Spinks, shows off the WBC belt he will put on the line during the HBO series to determine the undisputed heavyweight champion.

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ATLANTA, GA.—TIM WITHERSPOON may not be the best heavyweight in the world, but when it comes to fighting fat men, "Terrible Tim" is hard to beat.

The Philadelphian underlined his penchant for lambasting lard-laden heavyweights by hammering out a majority 15-round decision over 244-pound Tony Tubbs for the WBA portion of the heavyweight title at the Omni.

It was Witherspoon's second flirtation with a "piece" of the heavyweight crown. In March of '84, he beat Greg Page for the WBC portion of the title. Page weighed a rotund 236½ for that one, and Tim mauled his way to a majority decision. Six months later, in his first defense, Witherspoon lost the WBC belt to Pinklon Thomas, who had the audacity to show up at a slim-and-trim 216.

To his credit, Witherspoon did not do a "Gerry Cooney" after losing to Thomas and go into hibernation. He patched up his relationship with Don King and won

a series of five fights to earn a shot at Tubbs. Significantly, Witherspoon's biggest victory between titles was a second round knockout over James Broad, who tipped the beam for their match in Buffalo at a whopping 261 pounds!

The reason for Witherspoon's success against some of the heavyweight division's biggest men are twofold. First, Tim is beefy enough himself (227 for the Tubbs fight) so that he can't be pushed around or intimidated by size alone. Secondly, he knows the value of working the body. Indeed, it was body shots that paved the way for his win over Tubbs as Witherspoon spent most of the evening pounding Tubb's ample belly.

"Tony Tubbs is a good slipper of punches," said Witherspoon. "So the best target with a guy like that is the body. I stayed to the body more than in any fight I'd had before."

Some of Witherspoon's past problems may have contributed to his mental outlook. Besides bickering with King, Tim also had a falling out with trainer Slim Jim Robinson, who had prepped him for his near-miss against Larry Holmes in '83. After losing to Thomas, Tim apologized to King, whom he had accused of cheating him, and also reunited with Robinson. With these problems behind him, Witherspoon was able to enter the ring in Atlanta with nothing but boxing on his mind.

Witherspoon dictated the tempo and terms of the fight from the beginning. He chugged forward, applying steady pressure as Tubbs retreated. Tony is blessed with exceptional hand speed for a big man, but Witherspoon did a good job of blocking many of Tubbs' counters with his arms and gloves. Although the match provided little in the way of thrills, it was earnestly contested, with both men doing their best within the confines of their skills.

WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Tim Witherspoon (left) blocks a left hook from Tony Tubbs during their WBA title bout. Witherspoon used this method to avoid many of Tubbs' blows while pressuring his way to a majority decision and the title.

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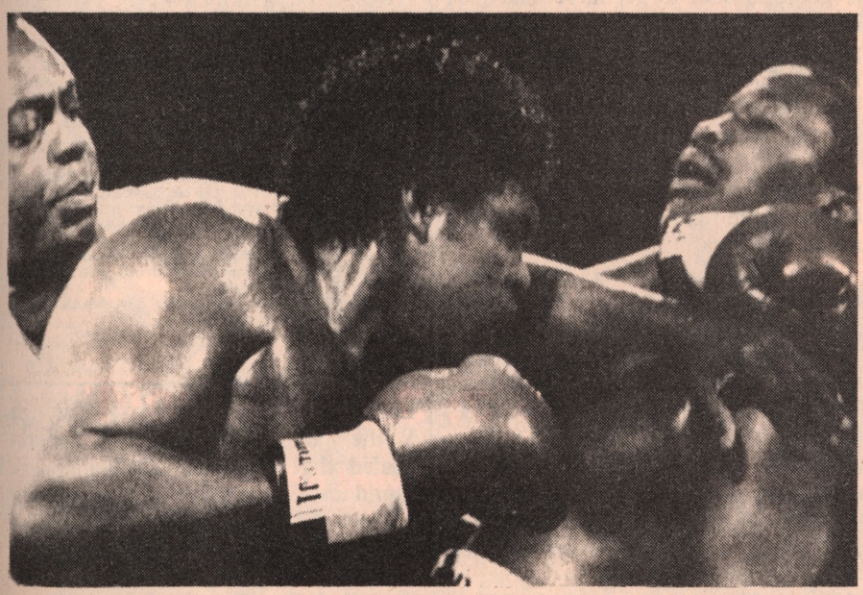
Tubbs sometimes found the mark with his left jab and also dug some hurtful looking blows to the body. But every time Tubbs threatened to take charge, Witherspoon's greater workrate enabled him to regain control.

The eighth round was the best of the fight. For the first two and a half minutes, they stood toe-to-toe trading vicious body blows. Suddenly, Tubbs took a step back and popped Witherspoon in the head with a nifty left-right combination. A split second after fielding the right, Witherspoon lashed out with a potent left hook counter. The punch caught Tubbs flush on the jaw and sent him staggering backwards into the ropes. It was perhaps the most powerful blow of the fight and Tony seemed momentarily stunned. Witherspoon tried to follow up, but time was running out and Tubbs rode out the storm without incurring any more serious damage.

Both men seemed slightly played out following the hectic eighth, and the pace slowed considerably over the next few frames as push replaced punch, and movement turned to maul.

Tubbs enjoyed a mini-rally during the 10th, 11th and 12th rounds. At one point,

Referee Nate Morgan (far left) attempts to break Tony Tubbs and Tim Witherspoon (right) during their often mauling 15-rounder for the WBA heavyweight title in Atlanta.



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he connected with a nice triple left, but Tony never really mounted the kind of attack needed to save his title.

The last three rounds were practically slow motion. Witherspoon continued to plug away at the body, earning points but never really hurting Tubbs again. In the closing moments of the 15th, Tim landed a solid left and a follow-up right. It was enough to win him the round and the fight.

While all this may sound good on paper, there can be many a slip between the conception of such a noble scheme and the birth of a universally recognized heavyweight champion.

The crowd, which included Muhammad Ali celebrating his 44th birthday, gave both men a nice round of applause at the conclusion of the bout. While the fight was far from a classic, they seemed to enjoy it.

The official decision was closer than the fight. Judges Edward Woods (144-141) and Harry Cecchini (144-143) both scored the fight for Witherspoon. Judge Robert Ferrera came up with a 143-143 draw. *The Ring* favored "Terrible Tim" by a 146-142 margin.

Tubbs, who pulled down about $120,000 for his first defense, brushed aside allegations that his weight (15 pounds more than when he won the title from Page) led to his downfall.

"People said that with my weight, I'd be slow, but I didn't feel slow. I felt I could rip off my combinations good. There ain't no excuses in the game of boxing. Either you win or you lose. And I take my losses like I take my wins," said Tony after suffering his first loss in 23 professional bouts.

"I attribute my victory to hard training and dedication, and getting my mind together," said Witherspoon, who earned a reported $50,000. "This got me ready for revenge on Pinklon Thomas and Larry Holmes."

If Don King and Home Box Office, who televised the fight, have anything to say about it, Tim just might get his chance to avenge those only defeats on his 24-2 (16 knockouts) record.

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Their plan goes something like this: Pinklon Thomas will defend his WBC belt against Trevor Berbick, who tuned-up by stopping Mike Perkins in the 10th round on the Witherspoon-Tubbs undercard. Then, in April, Michael Spinks, whom *The Ring* recognizes as the legitimate champ, will box a rematch with Larry Holmes in defense of his IBF version. The third fight in the series will allow Witherspoon to make a defense of the WBA crown, just won from Tubbs. Then the winners of the Thomas-Berbick and Spinks-Holmes matches will also get to earn a few bucks defending their pieces of the title. Assuming they are successful, the WBA and WBC titleholders will clash in early '87. The grand finale will pit the winner of that match against the IBF champion for the whole ball of wax.

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In an effort to gain a better understanding of the proposal, *The Ring* spoke to Seth Abraham, president of sports programming for HBO. One of the first things we wanted to know was what HBO would do if one of the participants decided to bail out, or if any of the three semi-champions lost their titles prior to unification.

"We talked about that contingency, but we have no fears," said Abraham. "This is not a tournament; it's a series of seven title fights to determine the best heavyweight in the world. That's why I like to call it a 'world series' of boxing. Once this thing gets under way, the public is going to start to get more and more interested, and as a fighter advances, his purses grow. HBO feels that these two factors, increased public awareness and bigger paydays, will keep the winning fighters in the series.

"If one of the champions loses, it could potentially change the sequence of bouts, but the seven fight series will continue," added Abraham.

Both Spinks and Holmes have already indicated their willingness to go the entire route with HBO.

"I'm looking forward to uniting another title. I don't believe in sharing anything with anybody," said Spinks, who decisioned Dwight Muhammad Qawi to unify the light heavyweight crown in 1983.

"I signed a piece of paper that I'd go all the way to the end," said Holmes. "Forget about me retiring."

ALTHOUGH THE WITHERSPOON-TUBBS match was not technically part of HBO's upcoming series, Witherspoon's victory gave him the opportunity to participate. What are his chances of becoming the eventual winner?

Tim's performance against Tubbs was in Abraham's words, "workman-like," but far from awe-inspiring. Although much attention was given to Tubbs' excess weight, Witherspoon isn't exactly svelte himself. He has developed into more of a dogged plodder than the cagey, boxer-puncher who came so close to unseating Holmes a few years back. Tim can bang with authority, but is not a devastating puncher. He also owns one of the best chins in the heavyweight division, always a big plus.

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To Witherspoon's credit is the fact that he was able to accomplish something that no other professional fighter had ever done before—beat Tubbs. In so doing, he became only the third man in boxing history to regain the heavyweight title. However, it should be pointed out that the other two, Floyd Patterson and Muhammad Ali, were undisputed champions, while Tim has, so far, only been able to garner a third of the championship pie. While he certainly remains a darkhorse candidate to win the HBO series, his triumph over Tubbs puts him back in the running. □

James (Buster) Douglas, 230, Columbus, won an upset unanimous decision over former WBA heavyweight champion Greg Page, 236, Louisville, 10.

USBA heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick, 221, Miami, TKO'd Mike Perkins, 208, Hallandale, Fla., at 1:47 of the 10th and final round.

Mitchell (Blood) Green, 225, Jamaica, Queens, New York, won a unanimous decision over Percell Davis, 248, Detroit, 10.

New York State heavyweight champion Eddie Gregg, 222, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Walter Santemore, 237, New Orleans, 10.

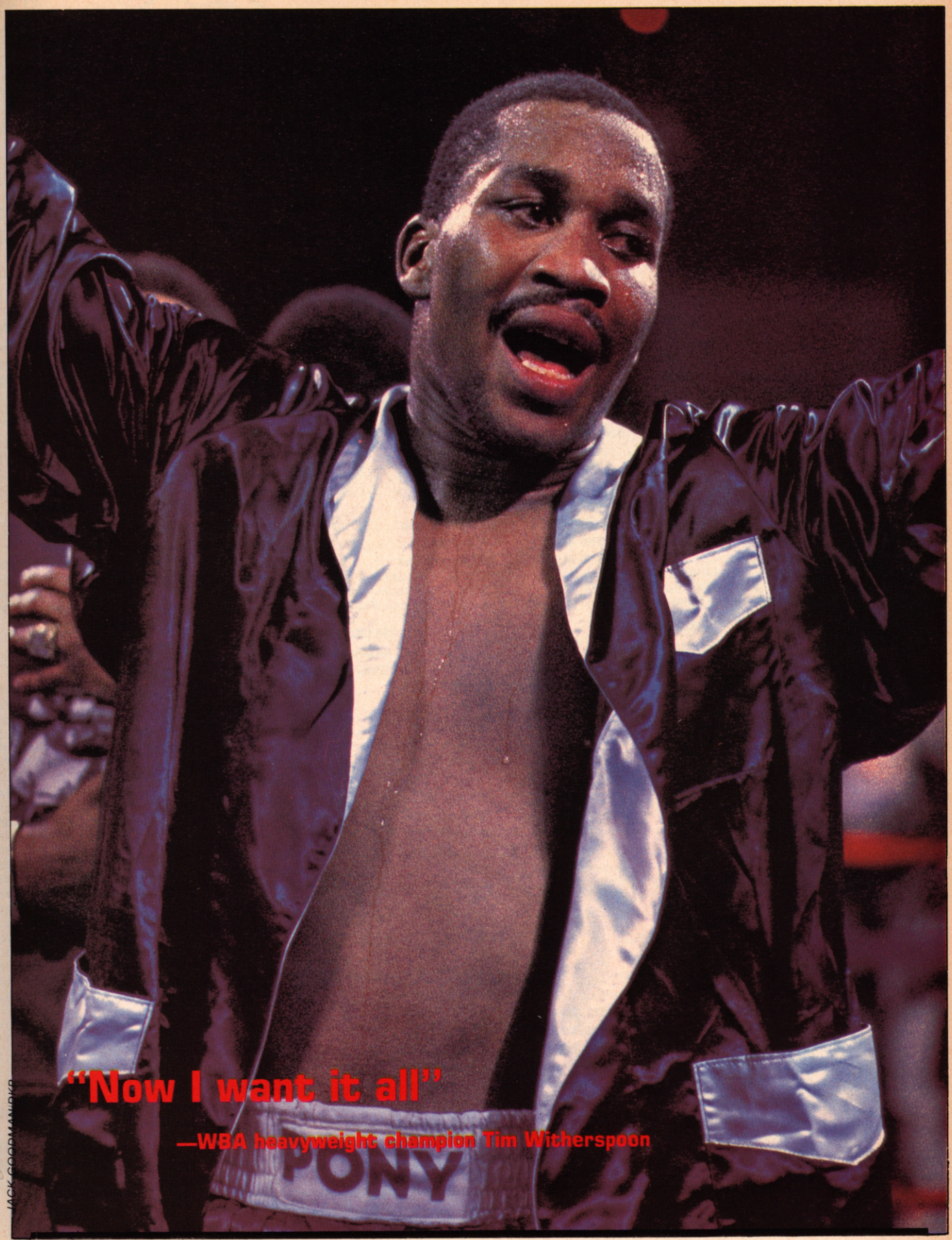
Former USBA heavyweight champion David Bey, 236, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Wes Smith, 249, Louisville, 10.

James Pritchard, 210, Louisville, won a unanimous decision over Jack Jackson, 219, Atlanta, six.

Don King Productions.

(01-17-86) □

Editor's Note: Three weeks after the Witherspoon-Tubbs match, it was revealed that traces of marijuana were found in Witherspoon's postfight urinalysis. As we go to press, the WBA had yet to determine what action they would take.



"Now I want it all"

—WBA heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
3. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
7. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
10. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Greg Page 12. James Broad 13. Michael Dokes 14. Tony Tucker 15. Eddie Gregg 16. Frank Bruno 17. James Smith 18. Marvis Frazier 19. Mitchell Green 20. Jesse Ferguson.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARD BENTON** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi*** ..... Camden, N.J.
2. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
3. **Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. **Piet Crous** ..... South Africa
6. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Lee Roy Murphy☆** ..... Chicago, Ill.
8. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
9. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
10. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.

11. Ricky Parkey 12. Henry Hearns 13. Chisanda Mutti 14. Anthony Davis 15. Stanley Ross 16. Boone Pultz 17. Dorcy Gaymon 18. Michael Greer 19. Henry Tillman 20. Henry Milligan.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **J.B. Williamson**** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
3. **Slobodan Kacar☆** ..... Yugoslavia
4. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
6. **Prince Mamah Mohammed** ..... Ghana
7. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon
8. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
9. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
10. **Jim MacDonald** ..... Fort Worth, Texas

11. Dennis Andries 12. Grover Robinson 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Poncho Carter 15. Kelvin Kelly 16. Freddie Guzman 17. Clarence Osby 18. Marvin Mack 19. Jeff Lampkin 20. Tim Broady.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* **☆ ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Herol Graham** ..... England
6. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
7. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
8. **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
10. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea

11. John Collins 12. Michael Olajide 13. Charlie Boston 14. Michael Nunn 15. Curtis Parker 16. Mustafa Hamsho 17. Murray Sutherland 18. Iran Barkley 19. Alex Ramos 20. Dwight Davison.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos☆** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Buster Drayton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.
7. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
8. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
9. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Lindell Holmes 12. Darnell Knox 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Robert Hines 16. Sean Mannion 17. In-Chul Baek 18. Duane Thomas 19. Troy Darrell 20. Earl Hargrove.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DONALD CURRY* **☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
3. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
5. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England
7. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
8. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
9. **Horace Shufford** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Manning Galloway** ..... Columbus, Ohio

11. Sylvester Mittee 12. Herman Montes 13. Vincent Pettway 14. John Munduga 15. Jerome Kinney 16. Mark Breland 17. Carlos Trujillo 18. Jorge Vaca 19. Troy Wortham 20. Mike Picciotti.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Lonnie Smith**** ..... Denver, Colo.
2. **Ubaldo Sacco*** ..... Argentina
3. **Bill Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
4. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Aaron Pryor** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
7. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Saoul Mamby 12. Gary Hinton 13. Reyes Cruz 14. Arthur Mayisela 15. Joe Louis Manley 16. Alexis Arguello 17. Frankie Warren 18. Brian Baronet 19. John Meekins 20. Ricky Young.

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Ratings as of February 5, 1986

* WBA CHAMPION
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul☆** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
8. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda
9. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
10. **Sammy Fuentes** ..... Puerto Rico

11. Meldrick Taylor 12. Howard Davis, Jr. 13. Bobby Chacon 14. Roger Mayweather 15. Pernell Whitaker 16. Edwin Curet 17. Greg Haugen 18. Harry Arroyo 19. Robin Blake 20. Gert Bo Jacobsen.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
4. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
5. **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
6. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
9. **Barry Michael☆** ..... Australia
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.

11. Pat Cowdell 12. Jean Marc Renard 13. John Sichula 14. Raphe Sims 15. Julio Llerena 16. Tae-Jin Moon 17. Edgar Castro 18. Mark Fernandez 19. Ruben Castillo 20. John Doherty.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BARRY McGUIGAN* ..... Ireland
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
7. **Ki-Yung Chung☆** ..... Korea
8. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. **Min-Keun Oh** ..... Korea
10. **Tyrone Jackson** ..... New York, N.Y.

11. Refugio Rojas 12. Jose Marmolejos 13. Richard Savage 14. Antonio Rivera 15. Joe Ruelas 16. Billy White 17. Adrian Arreola 18. Steve Cruz 19. Lupe Suarez 20. Sergio Zambrano.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Jorge Ramirez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
9. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
10. **George Garcia** ..... Westminster, Calif.

11. Mike Ayala 12. Oscar Muniz 13. Seung-Hoon Lee 14. Daniel Blanco 15. Tommy Valoy 16. Ramon Dominguez 17. Bernardo Pinango 18. Yun-Kap Choi 19. Leonardo Cruz 20. Jesus Flores.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RICHARD SANDOVAL* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
4. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
5. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
6. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico
7. **Freddie Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
9. **Jeff Fenech☆** ..... Australia
10. **Edgar Monserrat** ..... Panama

11. Rafael Orono 12. Jerome Coffee 13. Elly Pical 14. Hurley Snead 15. Enrique Sanchez 16. Santos Laciar 17. Sugar Baby Rojas 18. Frankie Duarte 19. Cardenio Ulloa 20. Sam David.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
4. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
7. **Jose DeJesus** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
10. **Agustin Garcia** ..... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez 13. Virgilio Chifundo 14. Javier Lucas 15. Hermogenes Murillo 16. Reinaldo Becerra 17. Hi-Sup Shin 18. German Torres 19. Antonio Avelar 20. Juan Herrera.

DREAM FIGHTS:
what would happen if . . . ?

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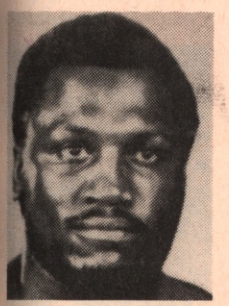
Contributing Editor Jack Obermayer Takes You On A Fight Fan's Flight Of Fancy

Through the years, many fights have taken place which could be classified as "dream matches" (Leonard-Hearns, Sanchez-Gomez, etc.). However, in many cases, those fights you were just dying to see never took place for one reason or another. Let's look at some imaginary pairings which never really took place, but, because both boxers were basically from the same era, were always talked about whenever boxing buffs gathered to discuss their favorites.

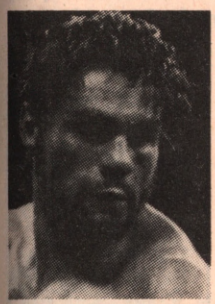
Each "dream fight" listed includes my odds (in parentheses), the boxers' weights, and the year of peak ability at that weight. All odds reflect bouts occurring in a mythical neutral site. All bouts are scheduled for 15 rounds, and I am the sole ringside judge. The results are based on everything being equal—the fighters in the best possible shape, no personal problems, etc. . . . we don't want any excuses.



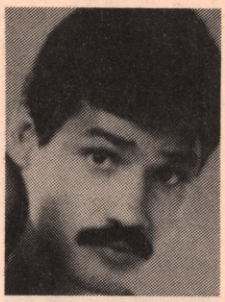
Joe Frazier

Larry Holmes

The 1971 **SMOKIN' JOE FRAZIER**, 208, (even odds) stops the 1981 **LARRY HOLMES**, 214, in the 12th round. Always working his way forward, Joe pressures Larry out of his game plan. After the third round, Holmes can't keep Frazier off or tie him up. With each round, Larry gets slower and slower, but never goes down, struggling in vain to find that certain something to pull it out. Joe is ahead, 8-3 in rounds, when the referee rescues a battered Holmes.

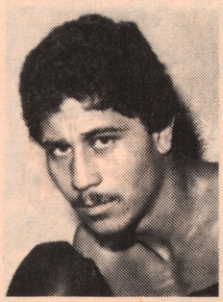


Roberto Duran



Alexis Arguello

The 1978 **ROBERTO DURAN**, 135, (8-5) KO8 the 1979 **ALEXIS ARGUELLO**, 133. No contest. Alexis is in over his head. Roberto is just too strong. Terrific shots drive Arguello all over the ring. Duran is right there in front of him, but Alexis can't find the right combination to ward off the Panamanian's onslaught. Arguello only wins one round and tastes the canvas in the sixth, seventh and eighth.



Wilfredo Gomez

Danny Lopez

The 1979 **WILFREDO GOMEZ**, 125, (6-5) TKO2 the 1979 **DANNY LOPEZ**, 126. Bombs away! Danny can't get out of the way and Wilfredo doesn't want to. Both are there to be hit, but Gomez comes from so many angles, the slower Lopez can't react in time. No knockdowns, but "Little Red" is staggering around the ring in a helpless state when the referee steps in.

John Conteh

Victor Galindez

The 1976 version of **VICTOR GALINDEZ** and **JOHN CONTEH** (both at 175 and rated a toss-up) finish—would you believe—dead even, 7-7-1. Both are relatively cautious. Conteh's more precise head work cancels out the grueling body assault of Galindez. No knockdowns, but things get rough down the stretch as both resort to wrestling and bully tactics.

Aaron Pryor

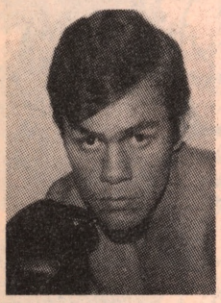
Roberto Duran

The 1979 **ROBERTO DURAN**, 147, (7-5) TKO13 the 1981 **AARON PRYOR**, 140. Talk about no-holds-barred. The Super Bowl should be this exciting. Where does one begin to describe the type and number of blows thrown—and landed? A sort of "You Asked For It" of the mind. Duran has been there often and has the edge in savvy when it counts. As we know, Pryor can be hit and floored. Duran is more than willing to oblige. Aaron is decked in the second, 12th, and 13th. Duran is dropped in the fourth. Roberto forging ahead in rounds 8-4 when the referee intervenes.

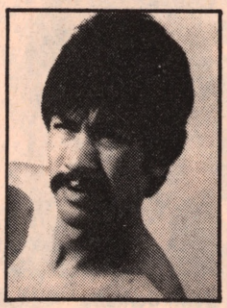
Salvador Sanchez

Eusebio Pedroza

The 1981 **SALVADOR SANCHEZ**, 126, (6-5) W15 over the same year **EUSEBIO PEDROZA**, 126. In this one, we get more smarts than strength—maybe too much. The edge goes to the harder-hitting Mexican. Ebb and flow is intriguing. they are dead even after 12 see-saw rounds. But it is Pedroza who wilts in the closing rounds. There are no knockdowns, and Sanchez wins nine out of 15 rounds to take the nod.



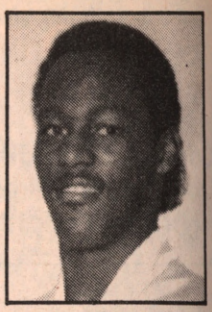
Pipino Cuevas



Carlos Palomino

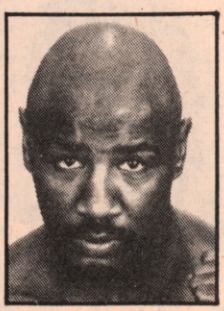
The 1978 **PIPINO CUEVAS**, 147, (5-7) KO9 **CARLOS PALOMINO**, same year and weight. A natural for its time. King Carlos looks too strong, both physically and mentally. The left hook of Cuevas whistles and Carlos counters smartly. Palomino is doing well, but watch out. He gets caught by a "lucky" hook and is literally knocked cold. What a turn-around. When the roof fell in, Palomino was leading, eight rounds to two, and seemingly coasting to victory.

Sugar Ray Leonard



Donald Curry

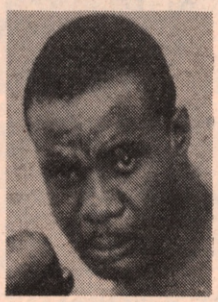
The 1981 **SUGAR RAY LEONARD**, 147, (8-5) posts a clear-cut decision over the 1985 **DONALD CURRY**, also 147. Ray knows the "Lone Star Cobra" can strike at any time, and mixes up his attack beautifully. Curry tries to match him, but fails. Leonard fights off the ropes, as well as in the middle of the ring, to checkmate Donald every step of the way. Curry, who holds a slight edge in power, can't get his feet to follow the slashing fists and side-to-side movement of Leonard. A sharp counter-right puts Curry down briefly in the fifth, but he's not badly hurt. The final card reads 10 rounds to five in favor of Sugar Ray.



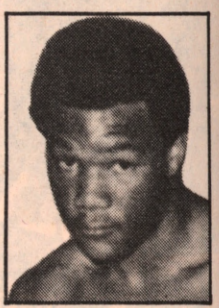
Marvin Hagler

Carlos Monzon

The 1985 **MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER**, 159, (5-7) W15 over the 1974 **CARLOS MONZON**, 160. The supremely confident Monzon fails to shut down an irrepressible Marvelous Marvin. The awkwardly long stance and booming rights of the Argentine legend give him an early lead. But Monzon soon realizes that Hagler isn't falling for his hypnotic style. The southpaw actually outjabs Monzon from the seventh round on, and proceeds to pile up points with a rid-bending body attack, eventually winning a decision, nine rounds to six. No knockdowns.



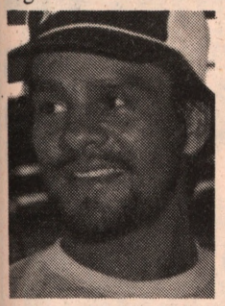
Sonny Liston



George Foreman

The 1961 **SONNY LISTON**, 215, (7-5) KO7 the 1973 **GEORGE FOREMAN**, 219. "The Bear" is unimpressed by big George. Sonny keeps calm, starts slowly and then lets his own strength come through to flatten Foreman in the only

knockdown of the fight. Liston is trailing, 4-2, before his clubbing rights finish the night. A slow motion bout, but drama runs high.

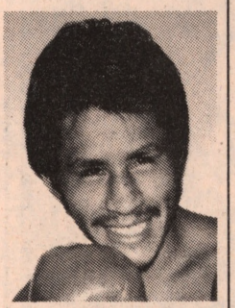


Roberto Duran

Hector Camacho

The 1977 **ROBERTO DURAN**, 135, (8-5) KO11 the 1985 **HECTOR CAMACHO**, 134. The "Macho Man" abdicates his name to the bristling "Hands of Stone." Camacho feels the pressure early. Roberto, a slick defensive fighter in his own right, cuts off the ring and Hector discovers that Joe Louis was right—you can't hide. It's head and body, head and body as Duran chops his foe down. A vicious double left hook to the body puts Camacho down and out. Duran leading, 8-3, at the conclusion.

Jeff Chandler



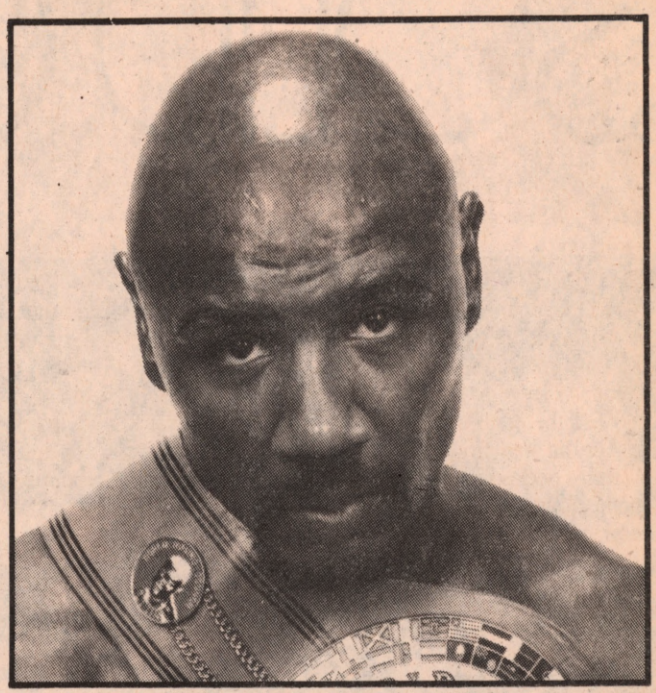
Lupe Pintor

The 1981 **JEFF CHANDLER**, 117, (5-6) W15 the 1981 **LUPE PINTOR**, 118. Oh so close. Once again, it's brains over brawn to a decision. Jeff proves he has what it takes to go 15 strong rounds against a tough foe who can eat you alive after 10. So-so in the action department. Chandler makes the Mexican miss just enough to keep his own strength down the stretch and protect an early lead.

Bob Foster

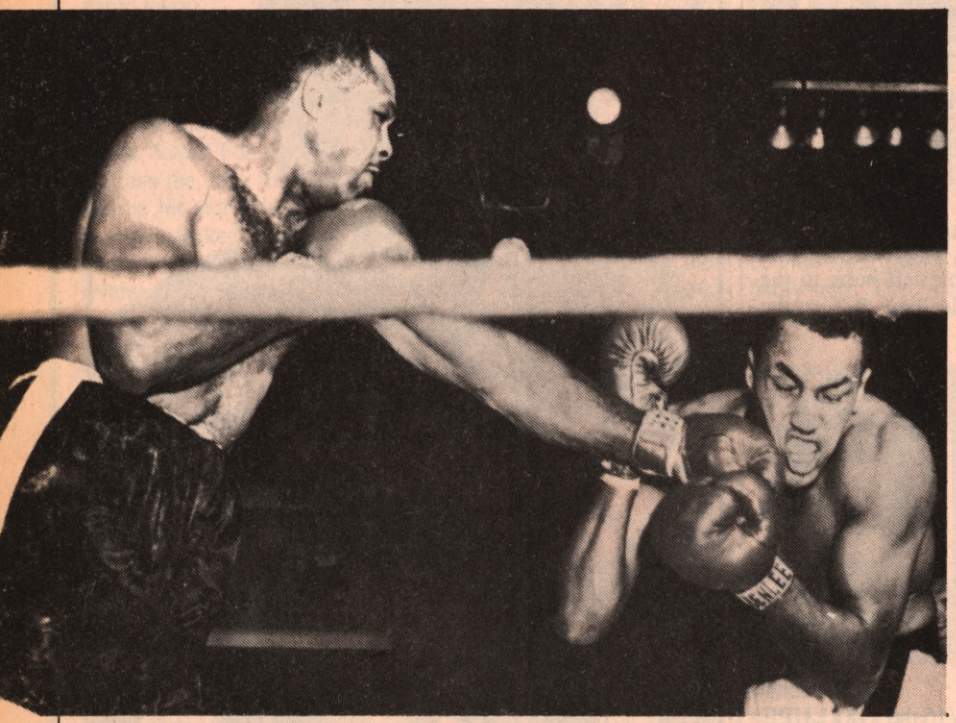
Michael Spinks

The 1971 **BOB FOSTER**, 173, (6-5) W15 the 1984 **MICHAEL SPINKS**, 172. Okay, so this one falls flat. The crowd boos and No-Doze is passed around press row. Discretion overcomes valor. What edge there is goes to Foster. Spinks meets his tactical and physical match in a foe with greater reach and height. The big right hand of Foster lands early and puts Spinks on perpetual hold. No knockdowns, no thrills, no rematch. Foster wins, nine rounds to six.



The 1984 **MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER**, 158, (even odds) W15 over the 1982 **SUGAR RAY LEONARD**, 154. Oh, boy! Talk about saving the best for last. The packed house is split right down the middle on this one. The weight factor proves to be the difference. The predictable unfolds, but in dramatic fashion. Sugar Ray bounces to an early lead with masterful lateral movement. Undaunted, Hagler takes his shots when he can, and Ray's lead slowly dissipates. A gutty last round rally by Leonard still leaves him short. No knockdowns. Best two out of three, anyone? □

SOLID GOLD MAN



New research into the early career of Archie Moore has caused historians to revise his record. See this months's "Solid Goldman" for details. Archie is pictured here scoring with a left to the jaw on his way to a seventh-round TKO over Tony Anthony.

THE TIME OF THIS WRITING FINDS yours truly knee deep in production of the 1986 *Ring Boxing Encyclopedia & Record Book*. This annual, which runs to over 1,000 pages, is *the* reference guide to boxing, and no self respecting fan should be without it.

One of the most frequently asked questions on boxers' all-time records has to do with the precise number of knockouts scored by Archie Moore. The 1985 *Ring Record Book* gives his record—showing 145 knockouts—on pages 100-102, but lists his career knockout total as 130 in the list of all-time kayo leaders on page 879.

Why? Up until now, only certain parts of *The Ring Record Book* could be reset at a time. The total in the list of all-time knockout leaders was changed to 130 because it was discovered that 15 of Archie's kayoes in 1935-36 came in semi-pro and amateur bouts.

Most of the research in this area is the work of Tim Leone of St. Louis. Here, for example, is a contemporary report on Moore's fight with Bill Simms in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri, on September 3, 1935:

> Bill Simms, local negro fighter who has been taking them all lately, met his Waterloo in the person of a panther-like fighter from the Hendrickson CCC camp. The camp boys were on hand some 75 strong and occupied one whole section of seats. Simms got in the ring with a boy billed as Sammy Fulson of Hugo, South Dakota. He beat him to pieces in about two minutes and referee Billy Twohey stopped the fight. Then the CCC boys shoved forth their candidate, who offered to continue the fight, and Simms accepted his challenge.
>
> Moore was as much better than Simms as Simms was better than Fulson. He knocked the local boy down in the second round and knocked him out in the third. Boy, what a wallop he packed. Moore is a good prospect for some smart manager, for Simms is no slouch as a fighter.

This is listed as a two-round knockout in Moore's professional record for 1936, but was evidently a semi-pro contest. Far more surprising is that six more of Archie's listed fights for 1936 proved to be contests in the St. Louis Golden Gloves and National AAU tournaments for that year—amateur bouts—as revealed in the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*.

Feb. 18—Ray Halford, St. Louis	W 3
Feb. 20—Bill Harper, St. Louis	W 3
Feb. 21—Cortland Schultz, St. Louis	L 3
Apr. 15—Peter Urban, Cleveland	W 3
Apr. 16—Frank Nelson, Cleveland	L 3
May 4—Tiger Brown, St. Louis	TKO by 3
May 18—Thurman Martin, St. Louis	W 3

Concerning the TKO loss to Nelson, the *Post-Dispatch* reported that "Moore fought a nonchalant fight. . . . Archie didn't seem to be particularly interested in the situation at any time. Nelson proved to be a powerful fellow with a longer reach than Moore, and Archie spent much of his time in seeing what he could do to avoid being hit.

"In the second round, Moore did little more than cover his face with his arms to protect himself against his opponent's blows. When he continued the proceeding in the third, standing in a corner with his arms over his head with Nelson stepping around trying to get home a punch, the referee stopped the bout and awarded Nelson a technical knockout. Moore wasn't hurt and walked to his corner apparently relieved that it was all over."

Moore's log in *The Ring Record Book* lists the Halford bout as a kayo in three, the Harper fight as another third round knockout, the Schultz contest as a loss in six, the Urban fight as a kayo in six, the Nelson and Brown bouts as points losses

Archie Moore was nearing the end of his lengthy career when he appeared in TV's "Wagon Train" with actor Robert Fuller (left). Archie is seen here learning the art of twirling a six-gun.

over six, and the Martin contest as a points win over five. Newspaper verification is lacking, but it would appear that Moore's fights against Piano Man Jones, the Pocohontas Kid, Dale Richards, Kneibert Davidson, Ray Brewster, Johnny Leggs, Ferman Burton, and an apparent return go with Bill Simms were also amateur (or semi-pro) affairs. Contemporary reports list Archie's six-round decision over Murray Allen in Quincy, Illinois, on July 14, 1936 (listed as a six-round kayo in *The Ring Record Book*) as his professional debut.

Subtraction of these 13 kayoes leaves the venerable Archie with 132 career knockouts in the punch-for-pay ranks. Several other fights, listed as occurring after the Allen bout but without specifics as to date, etc., are also in question.

A "semi-pro" card, incidentally, is loosely defined as an unsanctioned, bootleg fight in whcih the fighters receive money. Moore's fight against Simms is called a semi-pro bout because it was not part of the advertised program. The lines between the amateurs, the semi-pros (including smokers), and the professionals were sometimes thinly drawn in Moore's day. Those were hard times, especially for young black men from C.C.C. camps anxious to pick up extra dollars for their families.

At any rate, The Old Mongoose is still the all-time kayo champ. Consider, for a moment, that Moore did not win the world title until more than 17 years after his initial fight with Simms. That will tell you something about Archie's perseverance. He was—and is—one of a kind. □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Edited By Herbert G. Goldman

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

FLORIDA

▶**NO. MIAMI BEACH—Turnberry Country Club**—Vinnie Curto, 160, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Maurice Moore, 168, Lincolnton, North Carolina, 10.

Brian Brunette, 156¾, St. Paul, Minn., TKO'd Jimmy Freeman, Miami, at 2:10 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Uriah Grant, 176, Miami, TKO'd Dean Moore, 177¼, Forrest City, N.C., at 1:30 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Lorenzo Guzman, 151, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Clinton Mack, 152½, Miami, six.

Francisco Martinez, 138¼, Miami, won a majority decision over Robert Mosley, 141, Miami, four.

Alberto Brunette, 153, Miami, TKO'd Robert Rodriguez, 154¼, Miami, at 2:10 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—Bernie Soto, Bill Connors, Jay Edson.
Duran Boxing Corp.
Matchmaker—Chris Dundee.
Attendance—350 (estimated).
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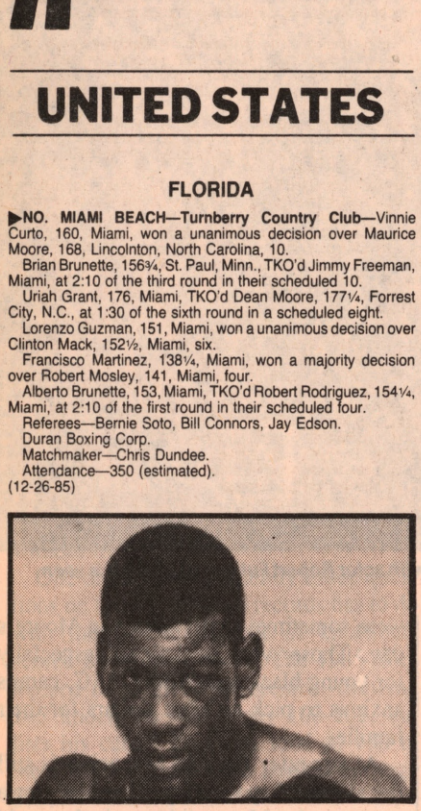

Former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad came out of retirement to stop Chris Wells in six rounds at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida.

▶**HOLLYWOOD—Diplomat Hotel**—Former WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad, 187, TKO'd Chris Wells, 182, Orlando, at 0:40 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Making his first appearance in 23 months, Saad thoroughly outclassed his man—bobbing-and-weaving and bulling his way to victory. Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the contest with Wells taking a pounding and about to go down. Muhammad, who scored two knockdowns in the second, one in the third, and one in the fifth, is now 34-7-2 with 26 kayoes.

Mike Gamble, 137¾, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Van, 136¼, Hallandale, six. Harry Brennan, referee.

Ian Ford, 133, Trinidad, won a split decision over Carlos Albuerne, 131, Miami, six. Eddie Eckert, referee. Best fight of the night.

Angelo Gray, 156½, Hallandale, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Goodwin, 157, Miami, four. Harry Brennan, referee.

Steve Paolilli, 168, Miami, TKO'd George Munson, 166, Ft. Lauderdale, at 1:32 of the first round in their scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Larry Wright, fighting under the name "Marquess Queensbury," 193½, Hallandale, TKO'd Kenny Wring, 209, Ft. Lauderdale, at 1:20 of the second in another scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee. Wring was knocked down in the first round, and retired in the second. Bernie Soto, referee.

Promoter—Stu Kaufman.
Matchmaker—Norman Schulberg.
Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
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LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**PEORIA—Continental Regency**—Jeff Silva, 133, Sterling, Ill., TKO'd Kevin (Bam Bam) Sedam, 135, Indianapolis, at 1:13 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event. The steadily improving Silva is now 15-0.

Mike Moore, 166, Peoria, won a unanimous decision over Yediah Ben Judah, 167, Chicago, six.

Mike Johnson, 141, Ann Arbor, Mich., won a unanimous decision over Joe Travis, 140, Springfield, Ill., six.

William Hosea, 210, Bloomington, Ill., won a unanimous decision over Larry Givins, 230, Cincinnati, six.

Vince Loceless, 137, Peoria, won a split decision over Nate Stewart, 136, Springfield, Ill., four.

Willie Patterson, 156, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Grayson, 157, Peoria, four.

Booker T. Ward, 176, Ann Arbor, Mich., kayoed Clyde Alexander, also 176, Cincinnati, in 1:42 of the first round in their scheduled four. Ward, an excellent prospect, is now 4-0.

Maurice Pitchford, 175, Indianapolis, TKO'd Elliott Heinz, 180, East Peoria, in the fourth and final session.

IBF cruiserweight champion Lee Roy Murphy, 195, boxed a four-round exhibition with Michael Brothers, 180, Chicago.

Referees—Bob Arnett, Al Preslinger.
Judges—Sonny Duncan, Mike Glienna, Jerry Lisnby.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Art Manzy.
Ringside Physician—Daniel Hoffman, M.D.
Promoter—Alvin Fitzpatrick.
Attendance—394.
(01-17-86)

▶**CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor**—Lenny LaPaglia, 163, Melrose Park, Ill., TKO'd Avery Madget, 160, Chicago, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round war. LaPaglia, who looked impressive, is now 23-4.

Ted Hutcherson, 166, Chicago, TKO'd Richard Wilson, 167, Indianapolis, in the second of a scheduled four-rounder.

Bob Hitz, 221, Chicago, TKO'd Farmer Bender, 212, Fond du Lac, Wisc., in the first round of their scheduled four. Hitz is now 5-0.

Louie Lomeli, 138, Melrose Park, TKO'd Jerry Massey, 139, Cincinnati, in the second round of another scheduled four. Lomeli, now 8-0, was down in the first session.

Jeff McWhorter, 141, Racine, Wisc., won a unanimous decision over Paul Graham, 138, Gary, Ind., four. McWhorter is now 6-1-1.

Oliver McCall, 220, Chicago, TKO'd Felix Shorter, 217, Elkhart, Indiana, in the second round of their scheduled four.

David Davis, 158, Chicago, won a majority decision over Tim Knight, 160, Louisville, in the four-round opener. Davis is now 6-0.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Jerome Jakubco, William Lerch.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
Ringside Physician—William MacIntyre, M.D.
Promoters—Cedric Kushner, Cliff Lanas.
Attendance—586.
(01-18-86)

LOUISIANA

▶**METAIRIE—Landmark Hotel**—Joe (Dynamite) McKnight, 164, Kenner, La., knocked out highly regarded Robert Pew, 163½, with a long right uppercut in 1:06 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Pew beat the 10-count, but was groggy, and referee Martin Coscino stopped the bout. McKnight is now 12-2.

Darren (Schoolboy) Van Horn, 151, Morgan City, La., won a unanimous decision over veteran Ed Monticuet, 152, West Monroe, La., eight. The 17-year-old Van Horn is now 21-0. Monticuet is 30-6.

Paul Whittaker, 162, Metarie, TKO'd Ronnie Lee Warrior, 160, Okmulgee, Ok., referee Pete Giarrusso halting the scheduled eight-round bout as Whittaker came steaming out for the fourth inning. Warrior was knocked down once in the first round, once in the second, and twice in the third. Whittaker is now 16-0—all knockouts.

Timmy Rabon, 147, Metairie, La., won a split decision over J.J. Watters, 145½, Austin, Texas, eight. Rabon is now 9-0-1. Watters is 10-1.

Tyler Dupuy, 156, Metairie, won a unanimous decision over Gerald Williams, 156, Alexandria, Va., in the four-round opener.
(01-21-86)

MARYLAND

▶**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY—Novak Field House**—National Golden Gloves champion Eugene (Sonny) Speed, 126½, Palmer Park, Md., earned his first paycheck with a technical knockout over James Mouzan, 128½, Fayetteville, N.C., at 2:03 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Leroy (Sugar) Brooks, 125, Washington, D.C., won a split decision over Donny Parker, also 125, Baltimore, six.

Michael Hunter, 198, Greenville, S.C., made his pro debut by winning a split verdict over longtime heavyweight amateur star Warren Thopson, 234, Baltimore, four. Thompson, who was also making his pro debut, scored the only knockdown with a short right in the second session.

Henry Hawkins, 138, Landover, Md., and Calvin Hardy, 138, Baltimore, drew, four.

Troy Jackson, 154, Rockville, Md., went to 2-0 with a unanimous decision over Wyatt Simpkins, 153, Washington, D.C., four.

Fred Tuttle, 172, Bowie, Md., went to 3-0 with a unanimous decision over Kenny Payne, 172, Philadelphia, four.

Promoter—Kenny Leonard.
Matchmaker—J.D. Brown.
Officials—Terry Moore, Harry Cecchini, Ray Klingmyer.
Timekeeper—Izzy Bach.
Knockdown Timer—Earl Clemons.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni.
Ringside Physicians—Ira Brecher, Lawrence Charnas.
(12-14-85)

JOHN SCHEINMAN

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT—Coho Arena**—In a struggle to find a main event for this Kronk Boxing card, young J.L. Ivey found himself thrust into the limelight after middleweight contender Don Lee was scratched from the card. Ivey, fresh from two straight appearances on ESPN, proved to be his usually aggressive self as the 130½-pound Detroiter pounded out a 10-round decision over Larry Highsmith, 132, Philadelphia. The southpaw from Phillie made an attempt, but it was Ivey that carried the scorecards, 99-91 on all three cards. Ivey, 16-4, dominated but was unable to stop the game Highsmith.

Steve Darnell, 164, Livonia, Mich., moved up to his first eight-rounder and the southpaw scored a four-round TKO over a tough John Gordon, 165½, Fayetteville, S.C., when an ugly cut on the bridge of the nose kept Gordon from answering the bell for the fourth round. "Stevie D" improved to 11-0-1 and Gordon slipped to 10-6.

Making his return to the ring after eight months was former top 10 lightweight contender Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes, 144, Detroit. Hayes, 24-2, has had a scrape with the law, but is now back campaigning as a junior welterweight. Back with his flashy outfits and Michael Jackson dancing style prior to his fight, Hayes had no trouble stopping Mel Richardson, a 141-pound southpaw from Trenton, N.J. A right hand knockdown ended the fight at 2:56 of the second canto via a TKO.

Making a fine appearance was Dino Guzzi, 180, Rockwood, Mich., who improved his pro log to 9-1 with a three-round knockout over Larry Phelps, 189, Dayton, Ohio. The bout ended at the 0:57 mark of the third round.

In a pair of four-round heavyweight bouts, D.J. Benedict, 210, Grand Rapids, went to 2-0 with a three-round stoppage of Bruce Johnson, 191, Youngstown, Ohio, at the 2:27 mark—Johnson's first loss in three outings; and two non-stop action fighters, Andre (Big Cat) Crowder, 197, Lima, Ohio, and Lorenzo Canady, 209, Detroit, battled to a four-round Majority draw. Two judges of the Canady-Crowder had it a 38-38 draw, but the third judge had it 39-37, Canady.

A fourth southpaw on the card, Battle Creek police officer Kenny Wright, 175, fighting out of Grand Rapids, scored well as he moved his pro record to 5-1 by stopping Rocky Likovich, 173,

Waterford, Mich., at 2:28 of the third.

Lightweight action had Anthony (Baby) Jones, 137½, Detroit, moving to 3-0 with a onesided four-round decision over Leo Simmons, 136, Akron, with scores of 40-35, 40-35, and 40-36. Simmons was down in the third round as Jones, who kept switching from right handed to leftie, caught him with a right hook from the southpaw stance.

Ringside Promotions.

Matchmaker—Dutch Patberg.

Referees—Tom Briscoe, Sam Williams.

Judges—Chip Acey, John Chaulk, Phil Ladouceur, Cindy Rodell.

Ring Announcer—Wally Jackson.

Chief Inspector—James Cullen.

Attendance—1,276.

(12-19-85)

▶**DETROIT—Coho Arena**—What looked to be a good showcase for Kronk's young junior welterweight Tyrone (Butterfly) Trice, 143¾, Milwaukee, but fighting out of Detroit, turned out to be a foulfilled affair with Trice doing all the fouling in his scheduled 10-round affair with Michael (Solid Gold) Bradley, 146, Columbus, but now fighting out of Miami, Fla. After a good close first round, Bradley found the rest hard to swallow—low blows, heeling, an obvious thumb in the eye, and getting belted as he attempted to step back from a break, all went unwarned by the normally exceptional referee Bobby Watson. Trice was way out of character as he continued his open glove heeling to Bradley's face even after he had thumbed Bradley. Unable to see, Bradley failed to answer the bell for the fourth round, and Trice, 20-1, was awarded a four-round TKO over Bradley, who slipped to 20-5-1. On paper, this looked like a good matchup, but the fouls soured the win.

Alvin (Too Sweet) Hayes, 141, Detroit, was to have faced his toughest test in his comeback bid against Roberto Mendez on this card, but Mendez pulled out to fight for more money on ESPN the day after this card and nobody bothered to tell Ringside Promotions. Last minute scrambling turned up Bobby Jones, 141¼, Painsville, Ohio. Jones was out heighted, out reached, and out gunned. He hit the mat four times in the fight before the contest was stopped at 2:22 of the fourth round to give Hayes a 25-2 record. Too Sweet looks to be coming back, but has yet to be tested.

Hard hitting local favorite Phillip Morefield, 158¼, Warren, Mich., and Stanley Scott, 165, Cleveland, engaged in bombing maneuvers before Scott was belted down twice, the final time for the count, in only 2:58 of the opening round.

Another last minute fight—last minute? 4:10 p.m. the day of the fight—gave a surprise, as two local fighters clashed and Tim Bullock of Detroit pulled off an upset six-round decision over favored Dino Guzzi, 183½, Rockwood, Mich. Bullock, the last minute fill-in, moved to 8-2-1 with a 58-56, 58-56, and 60-54 decision on the judges' scorecards. Both fighters were bloodied from clashes of heads during the contest, but Guzzi, who dropped to 9-2, fought way below his ability.

Making his second straight appearance on these Ringside cards out of Grand Rapids was southpaw Battle Creek policeman Kenny Wright, 170, who has chosen to continue his career at age 35. Wright, 6-1, scored a stoppage win at 2:45 of the third stanza over Mike Napolitano, 173½, Pittsburgh, Pa., when a straight left to the face, a straight left to the midsection, and then a combination sent Naplitano stumbling backwards.

Mark Stevens, 159, Detroit, being billed as the Motor City Gladiator, used a single right hand bomb to send Jimmy Cook, 154, Pittsburgh, reeling around the ring in a daze at 1:56 of the third round and end the contest.

The only four rounder of the night, the opening bout on the card, set the pace with a stunning upset as local fighter John Wright, 132½, Detroit, won a four-round majority decision over touted Brad Jefferies, 131, Windsor, Ontario. Jefferies, who was decked by a right in the third and slipped to 3-1, was lucky to find a judge who would give him a draw. Wright improved his record to 3-5.

Ringside Promotions.

Matchmaker—Dutch Patberg.

Referees—Marv McDonald, Bobby Watson.

Judges—Frank Garza, Sue Ann Denton, Charlene Warner Clark.

(01-23-86)

DAVE HARTOON

NEBRASKA

▶**OMAHA**—Lamont Kirkland, 177, avenged a previous loss to Dennis Fikes, 182, Las Vegas, by knocking him out in the second round of a scheduled 10. An overhand right hand was the kayo punch. Kirkland is now 23-2.

Popular Dan Murphy, 190, Omaha, went to 4-0 by knocking out Jack Marsh, 187, Philadelphia, in the third round.

Seasoned pro Jesse Abrams, 165, Omaha, TKO'd game but outgunned Jimmy Zavala, 161, Omaha, in round five.

Courtney Kellog, 163, Omaha, made his pro debut by scoring a first round TKO over Danny Jacobs, 159, Las Vegas.

Duane Lockman, 151, Tyler, Texas, kayoed Johnny Apollo, 157, Las Vegas, in the first.

Blaine Bywater, 164, Omaha, made his pro debut by stopping veteran Wayne Grant, 157, Omaha, in the fourth round of a thriller.

Area boxers Ron Stander and Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss were honored at half time with plaques honoring their contributions to boxing over the years. Stander has retired, but The Mouse goes on forever.

Judges—Jess Cardenas, Yano DiGiacomo, Bob Ruiz.

Promoter—Carl Washington. Attendance—650.

(11-29-85)

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BOB RUIZ

Referee Joey Curtis ushers Steve Cruz to a neutral corner as Tommy Cordova slumps to the floor. Cruz scored the biggest win of his career, stopping Cordova 2:32 into the ninth round in Las Vegas.

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Steve Cruz, a slick article from Fort Worth, Texas, proved to Tommy Cordova with emphasis what overwork can do to a guy in the brutal business of boxing.

The 22-year old Cruz, back in Las Vegas for the first time in 21 months, had too much skill and a punishing right hand for the rugged Cordova, scoring a ninth round TKO in Top Rank/ESPN's 10-round main event at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Cruz's credentials rose to 24-1, 13 kayoes, but it was a crushing defeat for the popular Cordova, the Albuquerque, N.M. whirlwind making his eighth start of the year. The overworked Cordova wound up with his first stoppage loss of a three-year pro career.

As Cordova's ledger slipped to 18-4-2, eight kayoes, the TKO defeat probably cost him the number eight ranking previously accorded him by the World Boxing Association among featherweights.

Cruz, managed by David Gorman and a stablemate of world welterweight champion Donald Curry, was given the proper reward by Mel Greb, Top Rank's matchmaker in the west, with a February 7 date against rugged Rocky Garcia of Placentia, Calif., in a 10-round main event at the Showboat.

Garcia is remembered nationally for those two torrid draws with Cordova last September 27 and November 28 at the 'Boat—a total of 22 rounds without a positive decision.

Since coming to this mecca of chance late in 1983, Cordova had built a large following on a style of ever-forward with a windmill offense, but Tommy's lack of punching power was never more evident than against Cruz.

In a local sense, it was a big comeback for the Texan with the Latin good looks. Cruz, who turned pro in 1981 after a spectacular amateur career, and had rolled up 19 straight victories, 10 by kayo, when he returned to Vegas March 29 to face unpredictable Lenny Valdez in a 10-round main event.

Valdez, handled by Jimmy Montoya, caught Cruz cold in the first round, dropping his once with booming combinations for a shocking TKO in less than three minutes.

Cruz went home to regroup and get his act back together under the guidance of trainer Joe Barrientos, winning four straight on the road to Cordova.

Cruz, 127, was most effective outside, setting up an accurate right with a snapping jab. The former 1980 national AAU amateur champion only got into trouble when he permitted Cordova, 126, to slip inside, flailing away and holding.

Steve repeatedly knocked Tommy off balance with the jab, leaving him bleeding from the nose and right eye in the third round. Cordova appeared very tired at the end of the fourth round, gasping for breath with his mouth open.

The Fort Worth import dropped Cordova twice in the ninth round, the first time with a left hook as Cordova sagged to his knees, and again with a right to the jaw. Reeling and bleeding, Cordova actually talked referee Joey Curtis into not stopping the fight at this juncture, the latter later explaining that "Tommy's eyes were clear."

Cordova gamely fought back in desperation, but Cruz almost dropped him again with two lefts before the round was over.

In the ninth round, Cruz offset Cordova's early flurry and dropped him to one knee with combinations to the head and body. But Curtis ruled it was a half-slip, half-push. Cruz finally ended it with a series of combinations which drove the blood-smeared, shaky Cordova into a neutral corner, where Curtis halted it at 2:32.

"My fight plan was to stick and move from side to side because Cordova doesn't throw any punches when he's moving from side to side," Cruz explained. "I thought they should have stopped it in the eighth, but, man, Cordova cam back like a wild man. I couldn't believe he was that wild. He's a tough, tough kid."

Steve McCrory, 120½, Detroit, had no problem raising his record to 10-0-1, three kayoes, stopping mismatched Manny Martinez, 118, Auga Caliente, Mexico, at 3:07 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Martinez's log falls to 8-2, two knockouts.

Ricky Womack, 176, Detroit, TKO'd John Smith, 176, San Berbardino, Calif., at 2:57 of the second round in a slated eight. Womack is now 8-0, three kayoes. Smith drops to 6-2, with two knockouts.

Avery Rawls, 202½, Los Angeles, made it six straight knockout victories, stopping Richard Scott, 220½, St. Louis, at 2:28 of the second round in a sixer.

Ruben Posada, 147½, Las Vegas, made it 7-3-1, four kayoes, as a pro, TKOing Francisco Diaz, 149, Mexico, at 2:47 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Israel Cole, 161, Las Vegas, outscrambled Johnny Gray, 163, San Jose, Calif., to win a six-round split decision, upping his record to 3-1, two kayoes. Gray is now 2-1 with one stoppage. (12-03-85)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Guys needing an excuse for a night out on the town aren't likely to attend the future fights of Greg Haugen and Ernie Landeros if they are anything like recent ones.

Matchmaker Mel Greb predicted there would be big fireworks in Top Rank's first Nevada show of 1986 at the Showboat Hotel-Casino, but even Greb entertained no idea of such brevity.

The 25-year-old Haugen delivered a brand of "White Lightning" of his own in stopping Charlie Brown at 1:00 of the first round, while the 19-year-old Landeros had to work a little longer before disposing of Jimmy Jackson at 3:05 of the same session.

The ESPN nationally-televised TKOs ruined the scheduled 10-round main event and semi-windup, respectively, but it was a short night all around as five of six bouts were settled inside the distance, giving a pro-Haugen crowd only parts of 14 rounds of the advertised 44 rounds of boxing.

Perhaps other than a fellow needing an extension of his excuse for late hours, nary a soul complained about the continued spectacular rise of Haugen.

The fistic dynamiter from Auburn, Wash., not only enhanced his status on a 14-0-1, eight kayoes, record, but nailed down a guaranteed shot at the vacant North American Boxing Federation lightweight crown.

Top Rank would put the 12-round championship bout in the Showboat in early March or April, but Greb must first review the worthy challengers and settle on the most deserving to face Haugen.

It was the most shocking defeat of the 21-year-old Brown's impressive career as his ledger dipped to 27-3, 19 kayoes. Now boxing for the Ten Goosen Stable of North Hollywood, Calif., the former high ranked contender has lost thrice inside the distance; but nobody ever chilled him in the first round like Haugen did.

Anybody getting up for concession refreshments probably missed the whole thing. Haugen, 137, scored with two lefts, which knocked the flat-footed Brown, also 137, off balance; but the erstwhile Moline, Ill., product stepped in with two good left hooks.

Charlie also stepped into Haugen's arching left hook, which rose like an uppercut and caught Brown flush on the chin. Brown stiffened straight up and almost stumbled into a clinch as he sagged to the canvas.

Referee Carlos Padilla moved in to count, but was more concerned about the blank look in Brown's glazed eyes. In wiping off his gloves, the referee asked Brown his name. He apparently hesitated in answering, and Padilla called it off.

"I give Charlie Brown credit because he's a good fighter who came to town trying to do the same thing as I did," Haugen reflected. "But when I get somebody hurt I don't let them off the hook. This wasn't as tough as the Chris Calvin fight, but Charlie hits very hard."

Landeros not only avenged a close eight-round decision loss to Jackson here October 30, but became the first rival to stop the 23-year old Las Vegan in an 18-bout pro career.

Landeros, 135, operating out of Los Angeles under trainer Johnny Cabrarra, improved his credentials to 10-1-2, six kayoes, and assured himself of future assignments with Top Rank.

Jackson, 134¼, permitted Landeros to force the early action, but countered well backing up despite the latter's heavy body punching. Suddenly, Landeros dropped Jackson with a straight left-right combination and hit him with another chopping right as Jimmy bounced on the canvas.

Wobbly, Jackson struggled to his feet as Padilla's toll reached "eight." Landeros rushed in with heavy artillery as Jackson tried to find an escape route. Landeros finally dropped him again with a right on the top of the head near Jackson's corner.

Jackson was trying to walk off the effect of the barrage, but was still reeling and offering little protest when Padilla abbreviated the action. Jackson, who appeared weakened by body shots, saw his log fall to 13-4, nine kayoes. It was his fourth loss in his last five starts.

Javier Suazo, 147½, Tucson, Ariz., improved his record to 16-1, five kayoes, when he hammered Los Angeles' Kevin Payne, 148, into a TKO when he was unable to answer the bell for the third round in a scheduled eight. Payne, who had all of his five wins by knockout, suffered his third loss.

"Lightning Bob" Smith, 176, Las Vegas, had too many guns for Tim Anderson, 173¾, Orange, Calif., stopping him on a TKO at 1:48 of the first round in a scheduled sixer.

Sid Wright, 125, Las Vegas, knocked down Mario Martinez, 127, Ontario, Calif., in the first round and kept the pressure on in registering a TKO at 2:40 of the third round in a scheduled four-round bout. Both fighters were making their pro debut.

In the only bout to go the distance, Ronnie Daniels, 171, San Luis Obispo, Calif., knocked Danny Lindstrom, 175, Las Vegas, down twice enroute to a unanimous six-round decision. Daniels is now 2-1. Lindstrom is 3-1.

(01-03-86)

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NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION
(As of January 20, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Carl Williams (New York)
2. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
3. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
4. Mike Weaver (California)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Mike Tyson (New York)
7. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
8. Marvis Frazier (Pennslyvania)
9. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
10. Jeff Sims (Florida)
11. James Broad (New Jersey)
12. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
13. Larry Alexander (New York)
14. Mitchell Green (New York)
15. Pisa Finai (Utah)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Leon Spinks (Michigan)
5. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
6. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
7. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
8. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
9. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
10. Tim Broady (New York)
11. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
12. Tim Thomas (California)
13. Anthony Davis (California)
14. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
15. Boone Pultz (New Jersey)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
1. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
2. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Prince Mamah Mohammed (California)
8. Charles Williams (Michigan)
9. Eddie Davis (New York)
10. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
11. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
12. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
13. Clarence Osby (Wisconsin)
14. Mike Lee (Maryland)
15. Vinnie Curto (Florida)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
5. Iran Barkley (New York)
6. Michael Olajide (British Columbia)
7. Doug DeWitt (New York)
8. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
9. Carl Jones (California)
10. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
11. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
12. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
13. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
14. Alex Ramos (New York)
15. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
6. Lupe Aquino (California)
7. Fred Hutchings (California)
8. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
9. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
10. Davey Moore (New York)
11. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
12. Willie Harris (Pennsylvania)
13. Kenny Snow (Texas)
14. James Green (New Jersey)
15. Thomas Smith (Texas)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
5. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
6. Daryl Anthony (Missouri)
7. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
8. Simon Brown (D.C.)
9. David Hilton (Quebec)
10. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
11. Rigoberto Lopez (California)
12. Diomedes Colome (California)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
15. Herman Montes (California)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Bill Costello (New York)
4. Alexis Arguello (Florida)
5. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
6. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
7. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
8. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
9. Mitchell Julien (California)
10. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
11. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
12. Othal Dixon (Texas)
13. Frankie Warren (Texas)
14. Ricky Young (New York)
15. Andy Nance (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Greg Haugen (Washington)
4. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
5. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
6. Terrence Alli (New York)
7. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
8. Frankie Randall (Florida)
9. Cubanito Perez (California)
10. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
11. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
12. John Montes (California)
13. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
14. Robin Blake (Texas)
15. Manuel Hernandez (California)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Raphe Sims (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
5. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
7. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
8. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
9. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
10. Oscar Bejinez (California)
11. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
12. Darnell Savoy (Louisiana)
13. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
14. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
15. Tony Montoya (California)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
1. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
2. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
3. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
4. Refugio Rojas (California)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Steve Cruz (Texas)
7. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
8. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
9. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
10. Billy White (Louisiana)
11. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
12. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
13. Dana Roston (Nevada)
14. Adrian Arreola (California)
15. Chris Silvas (Texas)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Jorge (Schoolboy) Ramirez (Cal.)
6. Jaime Garza (California)
7. Oscar Muniz (California)
8. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
9. Harold Petty (Texas)
10. Andres Tena (New York)
11. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
12. Eusebio Espinal (New York)
13. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
14. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)
15. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
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3. James Pipps (Texas)
4. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
5. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
7. Albert Davila (California)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
10. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
11. James Manning (Oregon)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Raul Perez (Mexico)
14. Frankie Duarte (California)
15. Sam Davis (New Jersey)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
6. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
7. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
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13. Felix Castillo (Texas)
14. Miguel Angel Cota (Mexico)
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LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
4. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
5. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
6. Joey Olivo (California)
7. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
8. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
9. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
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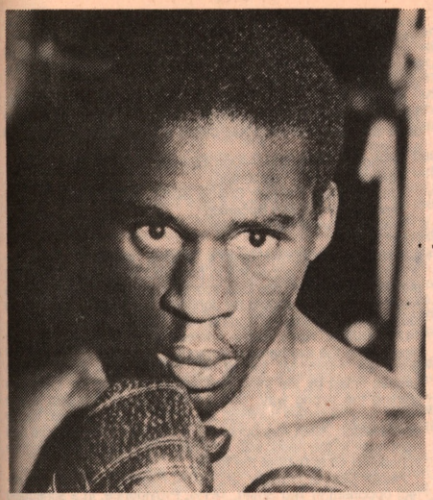

Former junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather returned to Las Vegas to score a 10-round decision over Walter Sims. Roger is now fighting as a full-fledged lightweight.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara**—Contrary to what local fight buffs anticipate, Roger Mayweather and Greg Haugen will not box each other in the immediate future.

Yet these fine talents will be back in March in what is properly billed as Las Vegas' super month for action with Marvelous Marvin Hagler defending his world middleweight crown against John (The Beast) Mugabi at Caesars Palace on March 10.

Mel Greb, Top Rank's western matchmaker, is now busily filling out March cards for the Sahara Hotel-Casino, and the Showboat.

Stan Tisher, Haugen's trainer, wisely put a bout with Mayweather on hold until after his undefeated lightweight bomber (14-0-1, eight kayoes) from Auburn, Wash. gets a chance to win the vacant North American Boxing Federation championship, tentatively against Edwin Cruet (22-4) of Brockton, Mass., March 28 at the Showboat.

Mayweather, the former World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion, is penciled in for Friday, March 12 at the Sahara, where Greb hopes to put Shelton LeBlanc, a 22-1 performer from Lake Charles, La., in the other corner.

The 24-year-old Mayweather, who adopted Las Vegas as his home in 1981, proved in his last start that all future sorties will definitely be in the 135-pound division with a workman-like unanimous 10-round decision over rugged Walter Sims of North Hollywood, Calif. at the Sahara.

Nearly 2,000 spectators (according to Greb) were on hand as the pro sport returned to the Strip venue for the first time in six years, and Mayweather showed 136 was the proper weight needed to run his record to 23-3 with 14 kayoes.

The broad-shouldered Roger was never out of control of the issue, but the 23-year-old Sims never quit pressing while taking the former champion's best jabs, left hooks, and uppercuts. Though stunned thrice over the route, Sims never went down as his credentials slipped to 16-2-2 with 11 knockouts.

Mayweather hurt his right hand twice in the third round, the same member he bruised in winning a 10-round decision over Mario Martinez at Los Angeles, November 7. Despite the discomfort, the Grand Rapid, Mich., native never stopped firing with both barrels.

"I have to say Sims was in top condition or he would have gone out," Roger reflected. "I never got a chance to hit him squarely on the chin because he was lunging with his punches. Most of my shots were landing on the top of his head. I was also a little cautious because Sims is a durable lightweight, and they probably told him I had a glass jaw.

"The more fights I have, I can only get better. I knew I could make 136, but that one pound may have hurt me more than it helped me. I hit Sims with so many punches in the eighth round that I was arm weary in the ninth. But I tried to get him in the 10th. That's when we bumped heads and I got cut over the outer edge of the right eye, but it was nothing serious."

Mayweather was effective with uppercuts to the body, but he didn't turn those on until late in the fight.

"Sims kept covering up, so I had to give him a chance to punch, so I could counter. I know I should have started that much earlier," Roger admitted.

Sims, a member of the Ten Goose Boxing Club, had bruises under the eyes and was cut on the left cheek in the gamest performance of his career.

"It was good experience . . . the best. I'll benefit from it and make up for it," said the dejected fighter. "My big mistake was letting Mayweather get off first with the jab. I didn't move to the right and jump on him. Mayweather was as tough as I thought he'd be and he caught me with a couple of good shots in the eighth round."

Mayweather pitched a near-shutout with the official scoring reading: Jerry Roth, 99-91; Dalby Shirley and Bill Graham, both 98-92. *The Ring*'s card was 99-92 for the winner.

Andy Minsker, 130, Milwaukie, Ore., knocked down Jorge Valdez, 129¾, Los Angeles, in the first round, but had to settle for a unanimous eight-round decision in the semi-windup.

UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING FEDERATION
(As of January 2, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
3. Greg Page (Kentucky)
4. Carl Williams (New York)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
7. Mike Weaver (California)
8. Marvis Frazier (Pennslyvania)
9. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Eddie Gregg (New York)
12. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
13. James Smith (North Carolina)
14. Lee Canalito (Texas)
15. Leon Spinks (Michigan)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
1. Bashiru Ali (California)
2. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
4. Boone Pultz (New Jersey)
5. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
6. Evander Holyfield (Georgia)
7. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
8. Anthony Davis (California)
9. Dorcy Gaymon (Florida)
10. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
11. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
12. Lionel Byarm (Pennsylvania)
13. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
14. Carlos Hernandez (New York)
15. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
3. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
4. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
5. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
6. Prince Mamah Mohammed (California)
7. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
8. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
9. David Sears (New York)
10. Tim Broady (New Jersey)
11. Bobby Jennings (South Carolina)
12. Freddie Guzman (Texas)
13. Clarence Osby (Wisconsin)
14. Charles Williams (Michigan)
15. Grover Robinson (California)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
1. Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
2. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
3. Poncho Carter (Georgia)
4. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
5. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
6. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
7. Charles Carter (Washington)
8. Frank Minton (Indiana)
9. Kenny Styles (New York)
10. Carlos Tite (Indiana)
11. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
12. Jay Strickland (Texas)
13. Ron Essett (Indiana)
14. Arthur Baylis (Pennsylvania)
15. Ignacio Zavala (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
John Collins (Illinois)
1. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
4. Iran Barkley (New York)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
7. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
8. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
9. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
10. Michael Nunn (California)
11. Carl Jones (California)
12. Doug DeWitt (New York)
13. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
14. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
15. Keith Adams (Florida)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Davey Moore (New York)
2. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
3. David Braxton (Michigan)
4. Mark Medal (New York)
5. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
6. Ken Shannon (Virginia)
7. Lupe Aquino (California)
8. Troy Darrell (New York)
9. Fred Hutchings (California)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
11. Mark McPherson (New Jersey)
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13. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
14. James Green (New Jersey)
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WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
5. Simon Brown (D.C.)
6. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
7. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
8. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
9. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
10. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
11. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
12. Roman George (Louisiana)
13. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
14. Curtis Summit (Illinois)
15. Allen Braswell (New York)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
2. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
3. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
4. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
5. Frankie Warren (Texas)
6. Bill Costello (New York)
7. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
8. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
9. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
10. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
11. John Meekins (New York)
12. Ricky Young (New York)
13. Mitchell Julian (California)
14. Joey Ruiz (Illinois)
15. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
1. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
2. Terrence Alli (New York)
3. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
4. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Calif.)
5. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
6. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
9. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
10. Shelton LeBlanc (Louisiana)
11. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
12. Robin Blake (Texas)
13. Edwin Curet (Massachusetts)
14. Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown (Pa.)
15. Greg Haugen (Washington)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Steve Cruz (Texas)
8. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
9. Anthony English (New Jersey)
10. Adrian Arreola (California)
11. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
12. Don Caples (Texas)
13. Darrell Savoy (Louisiana)
14. Raphe Sims (Texas)
15. Keith Stevenson (Florida)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
3. Billy White (Louisiana)
4. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
5. Refugio Rojas (California)
6. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
7. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
10. Louis Espinoza (Arizona)
11. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
12. Vernon Buchanan (Missouri)
13. Lenny Valdez (California)
14. Dana Roston (Nevada)
15. Juan LaPorte (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
6. Mike Ayala (Texas)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
9. Jorge Ramirez (California)
10. Oscar Muniz (California)
11. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
12. Arnel Arrozal (Oregon)
13. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
14. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
15. Earnie Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Sam David (New Jersey)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Frankie Duarte (California)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
8. Jeff Whaley (Michigan)
9. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
10. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
11. George Garcia (California)
12. James Manning (Oregon)
13. Ruben Solario (California)
14. Osvaldo Acevedo (Florida)
15. Bryan Jones (Pennsylvania)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
3. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
4. Ian Clyde (California)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
7. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
8. Mario Savala (California)
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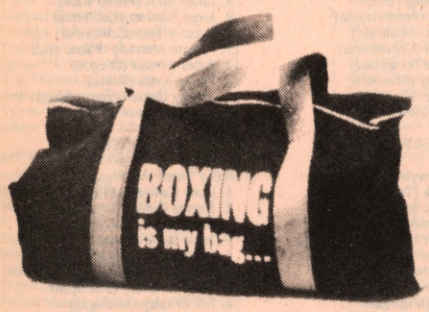

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Minsker, a stablemate of Mayweather, was the classier boxer against the light-hitting but aggressive Valdez, but was never able to press an advantage when he staggered his rival with combinations. The 1984 Olympic alternate lifted his record to 9-0, three kayoes. Valdez dipped to 15-6 with nine knockouts.

Avery Hawls, 207, Los Angeles, continued to display raw power when he TKO'd Nate Robinson, 205, Miami Beach, Fla., at 55 seconds of the second round in a bout slated for six. Rawls has now won seven straight by knockout. Robinson fell to 9-7 with five kayoes.

Gil Davila, 119¾, Pomona, Calif., had too many guns for Augustino Sobrannes, 120, Tucson, Ariz., scoring a second round TKO at 25 seconds in a matchup scheduled for six.

Davila, now 11-0-1 with five kayoes, dropped Sobrannes in the first fround with combinations to the head and finished the job with a booming left hook in the second. The loser's slate is now 6-4-1 with three knockouts.

Joey Olivera, 132½, Pasadena, Calif., outlasted Gus Lopez, 130½, East Los Angeles, Calif., to gain a six-round majority decision. Olivera boosted his record to 13-8-1, four kayoes, while Lopez skidded to 15-9-3.

Ray Mitchell, 188, Los Angeles (2-1-1), posted a TKO over debuting Vidal Montilla, 193, Las Vegas, at 1:46 of the fourth and final round.
(01-15-86)

▶**CARSON CITY—Ormsby Hotel**—Local favorite Nicky Walker, 168, ended an 11-month lay-off by winning an eight-round majority decision over Tommy Covington, 171, Phoenix, Arizona. Walker was effective with body shots throughout the match and it was a bit of a surprise when judge Keith MacDonald scored the fight even, 76-76. Judges John McSweeny (78-75) and Lillian Runningwolf (78-74) both voted for Walker.

In the co-feature, Herman Cavesuela, 156, Pruendale, Calif., won an eight-round unanimous decision over Jake (The Snake) Torrance, 155½, Chicago. Although Cavesuela won by 79-74 margins on all three cards, the rounds were closely contested.

Joey Christjohn, 213, San Luis Obispo, Calif., recovered from a first round knockdown to stop Mike Bardwell, 238, Sacramento, Calif., 1:27 into the fourth round. Christjohn raised his pro record to 5-0.

Bobby Sinibaldi, 147, Carson City, decisioned Chuck Peralta, 151, Tucson, Arizona, six.

Rory Killeen, 232, Reno, knocked out Cliff Milbourne, 227, Beaverton, Ore., 35 seconds into the first.

Matchmaker—Robey Willis.
Attendance—550 (SRO).
(01-26-86)

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Progressively fighting his way back into contention, Terrence Alli, 135½, New York, slapped fall-guy Danny Vargas, 135¾, Texas, silly, scoring a unanimous win, 10. After expressing concern over facing a southpaw, Alli shifted smoothly from left to right stances and back, completely outclassing the flat-footed club fighter. Though the bout was too onesided to excite, Terrence did appear to regain his old form, and looked good. The most Vargas showed was gameness. Trying for a big finish, Alli battered him to the floor in the final round, but Danny hung in to lose by scores of 9-1 from Eugene Grant, and 10-0 from Lynne Carter and Rich Strange. Joe Cortez, referee.

Improving Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 138¼, Philadelphia, outfought a gritty Murray Frazier, 139, Philadelphia, to win a split verdict in a good eight. Murray's rugged, physical attack kept Cobra pinned all night, but Williams was sharper with counters and deft fighting off the ropes. Tony Orlando, referee.

Mike Castranova, 152, McDonald, Ohio, won a controversial split decision over "Pretty" Pat Prisco, 157¼, Madison, N.J., in an earnest but unpleasing eight. The awkward lefty made Prisco fight his fight, as Pat was anything but pretty in a battle of mauling, cuffing, and slapping. Prisco showed flash in spurts, but was generally kept off balance trying to contemplate Castranova's unpredictable moves. Joe Cortez, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(11-27-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—"It's nice to go the distance, but I never plan to," boasted Tim Williams, an unbeaten newcomer with a habit of playing down his opponents. But against Tim Broady, he ended up backing his words the hard way! In boxing's version of "The Miracle in the Meadowlands," Williams, 168, San Diego, blew a nearly insurmountable lead when Broady, 173, Jersey City, blasted him out cold with one shot in 2:15 of the 10th and last round! The dynamite-fisted but nearly defenseless Broady was being pounded in a brutal slugging match. Solid and compact, Williams stayed in the Jerseyite's chest with short punches inside Broady's ambitious swings. Broady hurt his man at times, but was unable to put it together.

The visitor was finishing strongly in the final round, a left hook staggering the local and drawing a standing eight from referee Vinnie Rainone. It seemed only a question of whether Broady could last, when a lapse of concentration by Williams turned imminent victory into stunning defeat. As the San Diegan charged in for the kill, the wobbly Broady, unable to move his feet in time, covered in an almost fetal position. Instead of falling over the stricken fighter's back, Williams attempted to change gears and pull away, exposing his chin just as Broady uncoiled with a "Hail Mary" left hook. Williams was stretched on his back, through for the evening.

Clarence Coleman, 142¾, Newark, scored a majority decision over Joey Soler, 145¾, Brooklyn, in a hard fought, but methodical, eight. Displaying a losing mentality, the trialhorse Soler took several rounds to realize he could win against the green Coleman, then finished strong, but fell short. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Greg Tutt, 150, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Mike Peoples, 154, Monticello, New York, in a monotonous six. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Michael Green, 124½, Plainfield, dropped lefty Ron Freeman, 128¼, St. Louis via Philadelphia, in the first, then went on to dominate until referee O'Neil called it off at 1:50 of the fourth and last round.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
Judges—John Stewart, Charlie Spina, John Poturaj.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(12-03-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Johnny Bumphus, appearing to have fought his way back from the shell-shock of his title loss, scored a solid victory over veteran Allan Clarke. This should be Johnny's last "easy" fight, as he looked sharp against a difficult spoiler. A shifty southpaw, Clarke, 147¼, Halifax, Nova Scotia, showed a rolling motion from the hips to give the ex-champ a workout for a couple of rounds. But Bumphus, 146¼, Mt. Laurel, N.J., also a lefty, had Clarke's lurches timed by the third, and began catching the Canadian leaning the wrong way. Sharp combinations dropped Clarke twice, and he barely survived the round. Hardly revived for the next session, Allan was punished to the body, then floored by a right hook to the head, with ref Frank Cappuccino stopping the scheduled 10 at 0:49 of the fourth.

Hector (Joe, Jr.) Frazier, Jr., 140¾, Philadelphia, had the perfect opponent in Ted Smith, 141¼, Providence, in a scheduled six. The game Smith waded in, but lacked Frazier's firepower, and took a lathering in savage infighting. Smith was unable to come out for the fourth. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Joe's cousin, Mark Frazier, 160¼, Philadelphia, didn't fare as well, being upset by a unanimous verdict by DeDe Young, 164, Brooklyn, six. The ever-trying Young wore Frazier out in four rounds of solid action, then roared to a finish in the final two. Ted Pick, referee.

Likewise, Kevin Vieldhouse, 145, Wayne, N.J., outhustled cutie Howard Stewart, 145¼, Philadelphia, to the wire, nipping Howard by a close, but deserved, split verdict, six. Ted Pick, referee.

Touted Seamus McDonagh, 200¼, County Mayo, Ireland, via New York, debuted with an action packed TKO over no bum in Kevin (Champ) Denson, 189, Providence, at 1:33 of the second in a scheduled four. Kevin was behind, and suffered a severe eye cut. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a brief, action battle, Chris (Choirboy) Meakem, 145, Ringwood, N.J., took heat from street fighter Tom Lagatutta, 147¼, Monticello, N.Y., then battered him into a TKO at 2:40 of the first in their scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—650 (estimated).
Judges—Eva Shain, Richard F. Murry, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Dick Landis.
(12-10-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—A second miracle turnaround occurred locally, but this one involved a lot less luck than Broady-Williams just two weeks before. Anthony English, 128¾, Camden, and Don Caples, 130, Houston, met for the ESPN junior lightweight crown in a scheduled 12. The lanky, standup boxer Caples had a frustrated English following lamely, like a pup on a leash, or more precisely, the jab, which had Anthony's left eye closing. But Caples' boxing appears strictly textbook, not fluid motion, and it's hard to maintain that kind of concentration without a slip-up. In the ninth, with the Texan comfortably ahead on all cards, English finally got through with a sneak right. Though the punch was barely noticed, a distressed Caples came unravelled like a cheap suit. Before the round ended, he was in trouble, and in the 10th, a fired-up Anthony had Don in full rout. Referee Tony Orlando administered a standing eight, then called a TKO at 1:35.

Reborn Edwin Curet, 136, Brockton, spoiled the local debut of Remo DiCarlo, 134¾, Toronto, under new manager Lenny Shaw, with an overpowering K.O. at 2:02 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Lunging in awkwardly with a clumsy, clubbing body attack, DiCarlo offered Curet virtual target practice. Counters floored Remo in the third, forced a standing eight in the fourth, then sling-shotted him to the canvas, with referee Vinnie Rainone not bothering to count.

In a heated battle, Jerry Holley, 162, Brockton, weathered some anxious moments from crude but ambitious lefty Arnold Neal, 158½, Ft. Lauderdale, then measured him with counters to score a standing eight in the third and a TKO at the end of four in a scheduled eight. Tony Orlando, referee.

Steve Johnson, 155¼, Philadelphia, won a narrow but unanimous decision over Ed Priester, 159¾, Philadelphia, in a good six. Ed concentrated on big flurries; Steve was less spectacular, but steadier. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Lanky southpaw Cedric Mingo, 125½, Brockton, outclassed Isa Muhammad, 127¼, Philadelphia, to score a standing eight and a TKO at 1:19 of the second in a scheduled four. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—450 (estimated).
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Lawrence Wallace, Phil Newman.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(12-18-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Philly fans have traditionally taken to the gallant invader who can vanquish the local hero head-on. A "Philly fight" transposed to the seashore seems no different. When unbeaten, unknown, and untested Michael Olajide bopped into the ring sporting an MTV hairstyle

to face hardened vet Curtis Parker, he looked like just another build-up. Parker, 160¾, Philadelphia, thought so too, and started (as he later admitted) too fast. With an all-out, swarming attack, Curtis rocked Olajide, 158, Vancouver, with clubbing rights in the first, and had the visitor stumbling awkwardly to escape. But instead of wilting in the heat, the newcomer fought back with crunching left hook counters. By the end of the second, he was already winning plaudits from the fans.

Though tall and rangy, Olajide is no jab-and-move artist, but prefers to lean in and mix with hooks. When the Parker whirlwind began to wind down after the third, Curtis found himself walking into counter combinations from a more poised Canadian. By the seventh, Parker had been fought to a standstill, left eye closing, and appeared on the way out. But the grizzled veteran reached down to mount a courageous rally that had the kid looking weary and confused in the ninth. Refusing to let it be stolen from him, Olajide rallied himself in the 10th, with both slugging furiously to the bell. The visitor returned to his corner a hero to local fans. Though Joe Pasquale voted 6-3-1 Parker, Charlie Spina scored 6-3-1, and John Stewart 7-3, correctly to the Canadian. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Returning from his spectacular loss to Carl Williams, Jesse Ferguson, 210½, Philadelphia, looked shell-shocked, as he labored to a repeat, unanimous win over Oscar Holman, 202¾, Philadelphia, in a gruelling 10. Jesse finally broke a deadlock with a hard right that wobbled Oscar in the eighth. Pasquale and Spina voted 6-4, Stewart 6-3-1. Rudy Battle, referee.

A most unusual occurrence saw Ali Saad Muhammad, 134¼, Philadelphia, well in the lead against a reluctant Lamont Everett, 137½, New York, into the final round of an uneventful eight. Trying to fire a right payoff-punch while along the ropes, Saad hooked his arm on the top strand and snapped it like a matchstick. Ref Battle and horrified officials held him in place until he could be put on a stretcher. Since it was a freak accident, the cards were collected and a decision rendered. Compounding the confusion, this was erroneously announced for Everett, drawing an angry storm from the crowd. The announcement was then corrected to a unanimous win for Ali.

Vaughan Hooks, 173, Philadelphia, hammered Marcus Jackson, 172½, Hartford, who quit, claiming a bad back, after three rounds of a scheduled eight. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Andre Haddock, 156¼, Philadelphia, gave a bad beating to Kenny (The Rabbit) Brown, 157¾, Philadelphia, who wasn't allowed out after three rounds of a scheduled six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Ed Priester, 158¼, Philadelphia, kayoed Paulino Falcon, 153¼, Springfield, Mass., with a left hook in 1:11 of the second in their scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-11-86)

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Doug DeWitt connects with a right to the head on his way to a seven round TKO over Luis Rivera at the Sands.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Combatants Doug DeWitt and Luis Rivera and referee Paul Venti weren't the only ones present in the ring when DeWitt, 161, Yonkers, stopped Rivera, 159¾, Camden, at 2:00 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. "Lady Luck" wandered up from the casino and played a heavy hand in this one.

In bristling action, Luis was generally holding the edge, though Doug was by no means a dead body. The rangy Rivera boxed well when he had DeWitt on the outside. The shorter Doug had to mount determined charges to bang Rivera with hooks to the ribs and chin, but was frequently made to pay by sharp left hook counters on the way in. After six, Rivera led 3-2-1 on Frank Brunette's card, and 4-2 on Eva Shain's, with Frank Cairo 3-3. But a savage exchange at the end of the sixth sent Luis back to his corner with more than the average bloody nose. Though obviously distressed, Rivera came out for the seventh and gave it a gallant try. But with Luis bleeding like a scene from "Freddie's Revenge," and looking more and more chagrined, the bout could not be allowed to continue. Dr. Doggett entered the ring, discovered Rivera had a broken nose, and ordered an end.

Frank Tate, 163, Houston, blanked an unimaginative Randy Smith, 163, Chicago, in an uneventful gym workout, eight. All scores 8-0. Randy Neumann, referee.

Henry Hughes, 142¼, Cleveland via Paterson, N.J., was too good for Victor Davis, 142, Washington, D.C., with a unanimous win in a good four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Rip Rettig, 146½, Bayonne, wore out and kayoed Kenny Cannida, 150¼, Philadelphia, with an inside left hook in 0:34 of the fourth and final round of a furious battle. Paul Venti, referee.

In an exciting, see-saw struggle, Don Smith, 173, Hartford, scored a controversial TKO over Tim Black, 172, Pleasantville, N.J., at 2:57 of the fourth and final round. Black was ready to fall in the second when he saved himself with a solid right counter, then battled into command before a sudden rally by Smith left him sagging on the ropes with ref Neumann possibly giving Tim a quick thumb.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—650 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-18-86)

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Championship
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9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

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Virgil Hill floors Fred (Hollywood) Jordan in the fourth round to record a TKO win on the Drayton-Jackson undercard at Harrah's.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Continuing his odd, treadmill career, Buster Drayton bides his time until a title shot opens up. Recently switching from his long-time trainer, Bobby (Boogaloo) Watts to Augie Scimeca, Buster informs he learned the virtue of patience while training with Hagler. Feared and avoided, he sometimes has to keep busy by fighting non-entities, as on this occasion, when Drayton, 156, Philadel-

phia, kayoed Bruce Jackson, 161, Stillwater, Ok., in 2:07 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Buster won as he pleased, but not quick enough for Jackson. Drayton hurt the Oklahoman in the second and fourth, but seemed relaxed and in no hurry. By the fifth, Jackson was all in and ready to go. He sagged limply on the ropes after an exchange, where a knifing left hook to the ribs deflated him like a cheap tire, and referee Frank Cappuccino counted him out.

Virgil Hill, 173¼, Grand Forks, N.D., TKO'd Fred (Hollywood) Jordan, 170¼, Portsmouth, Va., at 1:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. The jitter-bugging "Hollywood" lived up to his nickname, offering more tinsel than concrete, and was decked twice before referee Joe Cortez rescued him.

Kevin Vieldhouse, 148¼, Wayne, N.J., won a narrow but deserved majority decision over southpaw Curtis Bush, 148½, Virginia Beach, six. Curtis calls himself the "Explosive Thin Man," but it was Kevin who detonated a big sixth to earn the edge. John Poturaj scored 4-2, Eugene Grant 3-3, and Rich Strange 3-3, but points 27-26 to break the tie. Joe Cortez, referee.

In a pier-sixer, Seamus McDonagh, 197, County Mayo, Ireland, via New York, floored and TKO'd inept southpaw Danny Prescott, 199¼, Hampton, Va., with a sweeping left hook at 1:38 of the third round in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

George Ross, 146¾, Williamsport, Pa., scored an upset TKO over more-confused-than-hurt Chris (Choirboy) Meakem, 145¼, Ringwood, N.J., at 1:11 of the second in their scheduled four. Meakem was down from a left hook in the first and an overhand right in the second. Joe Cortez, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—750 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-22-86)

J. R. JOWETT

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.—The excellent 1985 ESPN tournament concluded, with the toughened up Eastern fighters sweeping all eight titles from their groomed-for-show western opponents. Kelvin (Special K) Kelly, 175, Philadelphia, won the light heavy crown with a unanimous decision over Freddie Guzman, 174¾, Ft. Worth, in a brutal slugfest, 12.

In the early rounds, Kelly, who has come up the hard way with no "easy" fights, looked like he might be about to enjoy his first. The crude, brawling southpaw from Texas was doing a fair imitation of a heavy bag in what looked to be a boring gym session. But the gritty Guzman would not be denied, and kept coming to turn it into a roof raiser.

After slowing down, Kelly was repeatedly manhandled onto the ropes, where he had to fight for his life. More than equal to the demand, Kelvin fought off the ropes with surprising deftness, and showed superior hand speed in winning most of the blistering exchanges. Freddie responded with iron resolution and jaw. A left hook counter in the 11th spun him around, but he charged right back into the fray, and kept trying to the final bell. Frank Cairo voted 9-3, Frank Brunette 9-2-1, and Rocky Castellani 11-1, but the scores hardly reflected the loser's effort, or the intensity of the battle. Tony Perez refereed.

In another excellent bout, "Smokin' Joe" (Hector) Frazier, Jr., 138½, Philadelphia, and Joey Ruiz, 140¾, Chicago, battled to a majority draw, 10. Frazier used a grunting, rib crunching attack to take the early lead in sizzling infighting. The slicker Ruiz began to get the range, and outsharp him, in the third. Frazier received a bloody mouth and puffy left eye, as well as a big scare when the doctor delayed the start of the fifth. Instead of wimping out, Joe Jr. made the most of a reprieve, rocking the Chicano with a wild right in the fifth, and taking over in the middle rounds. But with his fury beginning to blow out in the stretch, Ruiz came back with a classic boxing lesson, doing a paint job with the jab on Frazier's face. The judges were in unanimous agreement on all but one of the rounds (the first), with Castellani scoring 6-4 Ruiz, the others 5-5. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Randy Richardson, 131¼, Youngstown, cleanly outboxed a confused Denzil Surall, 130½, Kingston, Jamaica, via Miami, for a unanimous win, as manager Ed Gersh's newest find proved a disappointment, six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Tommy Hanks, 129½, Cleveland, beat up on lefty Billy Smith, 132¼, Kendallville, Ind., for a unanimous win in a wild and woolly six. Tony Perez, referee.

Alex Medel, 143¾, Sunrise, Fla., was held to a majority draw by Howard Stewart, 141½, Philadelphia, in a dreadfully fought four-round disgrace. Brunette's vote to Stewart. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(12-27-85)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—There wasn't much question as to who would win the non-title bout between champ Dwight Muhammad Qawi (Braxton) and unranked journeyman Ric Enis. The question was how. Already bored with his bargain-basement WBA junior heavyweight crown, Qawi was to use this as a springboard into the heavyweights. He had planned to come in a career-high 196, sharpen his boxing, and generally tune up. He managed one out of three. The Camdenite did come in heavy at 194, but never needed to test his footwork, boxing skills, or much else, in blasting out Enis, 187, Indianapolis, in just 1:54 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

"I know you lose power when you move up," Dwight had said. "My game is defense and finesse now." Instead, he found a game Enis willing to mix, and couldn't resist. Showing good hand speed, the champion had Enis hurt from a volley of rights at the outset. Shortly after, the two went into a wicked exchange on the inside. Dwight fired a salvo to Ric's body that brought down his hands, then pulled away and unloaded a cannon of a right to the head. Enis dropped on his face as if shot, ref Tony Orlando not bothering to finish the count.

Qawi, whose fearsome ring manner belies an impish wit, took the opportunity to sharpen his verbiage as well as his fists. "I was sharp, why carry it on?" he excused. "We're not barbarians. If I can get it over with quick, I'll get it over with . . . Anyway, I had to go to the bathroom . . ." Enis simply apologized, "Boy, he suckered me bigger than I don't know what."

Tracy Harris, 130, New Paltz, N.Y., swarmed slickster Darrell Jacobs, 129, Newport News, Va., to TKO him on his feet at 2:56 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Mike Peoples, 144¼, Monticello, N.Y., proved too shifty in winning a unanimous verdict over wooden Pat Lyons, 143¼, St. Marys, Pa., six. Tony Orlando, referee.

Aristides Acevedo, 125¾, Aguadilla, P.R., via New York, won a split decision over veteran Jose (Speedy) Gonzalez, 131, Virginia Beach, who would rather dance than fight, in a dull six. Judge Larve's vote to Gonzalez was uncalled-for. Ted Pick, referee.

Chris Eubanks, 153¾, London via New York, won a majority verdict over game Mike Bagwell, 152¼, Trenton, in an action four. Ted Pick, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—800 (estimated).
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Joe Pasquale, Ted Larve.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-08-86)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino—Terrence Alli, 136, New York, continued his climb back up the lightweight ladder with a rather no-nonsense 10-round unanimous win over club level—but developing—Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 135¼, Philadelphia.

Scores: John Stewart, 7-3; Tom Kaczmarek, 9-1; Phil Newman, 8-1-1. *The Ring* had it 8-2, giving Williams the first two rounds. Tony Orlando, referee.

Alli laid inside at the beginning, giving Williams a chance to battle on equal terms. Soon, however, Terrence adjusted, using his experience and quickness to slide outside and about, making it difficult for Anthony (now 11-2-3, seven kayoes, but in his first scheduled 10) to track him down with any kind of effective scoring.

In this position, Alli was more able to ward off the wide punches of Cobra, and they got wider and slower as the bout wore on. Give Williams an "A" for effort; he certainly could have chosen an easier foe for his coming out party. With the win, Alli pushed his record to 28-4-1, 11 via kayo, and assured himself a TV date with Boza-Edwards.

The progress of Sammy Fuentes continues, but not with some lessons to be learned. The Loiza, Puerto Rico native, now boxing out of New York, won by TKO, but while energetic in approach, was sloppy in execution. Slightly heavy at 139½, it took over 25 minutes of hard work to finally stop Ali Kareem Muhammad, 140¼, Chicago, at 1:14 of round eight in their scheduled 10. Muhammad has been a loser of late and though administered a frightful beating in the first two heats, was never off his feet in these or any of the following rounds.

As the bout went on, Sammy was prone to drop his hands and wing punches at times when it would have been more advantageous to cease and desist. It was a solid action bout, as Ali hung tough and made Sammy pay for his indiscretions on occasion. Kareem was, however, finally worn down, and referee Joe Cortez moved in to stop it.

Southpaw Mike Jefferson, 162¾, New York, won a four-round split decision over Tee Bop Williams, 161½, Philadelphia. It could have gone the other way. For Williams, 3-4 going in, this was his first full-route bout. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mickey Ward, 142¾, Lowell, Mass., floored Chris Bajor, 140, Philadelphia, once in the third round, en route to a TKO win at 1:17 of the third round in a scheduled four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(01-10-86)

Lightweight contender Darryl Tyson sends Sam (Candyman) Johnson to the canvas in the first round of their match in Atlantic City. Johnson failed to come out for the second.

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino—Trading a bride for a beating, Sam (Candyman) Johnson, 135¾, Orlando, Fla., took a leave from his honeymoon, only to find that Darryll Tyson, 134¾, Washington, D.C., had more than rice to throw at him.

Tyson, punching effectively and economically, was in no mood to give Sam a wedding gift. Johnson, billed as the Florida lightweight champ, was the taller of the two, but decided to go chest

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to chest. Was it because he might have left his legs in bed?

Late in the second round, Tyson unloaded a pretty double left hook/right cross that put Johnson down in his own corner. Sam just did manage to beat the count as the bell rang. On his stool, he complained of blurred vision in his right eye; they stopped it right then. It goes into the books as a second round TKO win for Tyson; the only boxer to defeat IBF lightweight boss Jimmy Paul. It was scheduled for 10; Steve Smoger, referee.

Jeff Roberts, 129¼, Brooklyn, N.Y., took an eight-round unanimous decision over Jocko King, 130¾, Philadelphia. Jocko, a willing partner, fell short in the power department and failed to offset the busy outside punches of his taller adversary. Scores: Lynn Carter, 5-3; Rocky Castellani, 7-1; Al DeVito, 6-1-1, same as *The Ring*. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Kelvin Beatty, 182½, Washington, D.C., won by TKO at 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled six over Carmine Veneziano, 186, Monroe, N.Y. Veneziano was down twice. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Southpaw Tunde Foster, 133½, a native of Manchester, England, but now boxing out of Brooklyn, N.Y., was too much for Jorge Sanchez, 132¼, Jersey City, N.J. The debuting Sanchez looked to be a capable lad, but just couldn't keep pace with the ever pressing Foster.

Foster clearly dominated, finally dropping Sanchez early in the third—all it took for ref Cappuccino to call things to a halt. It was ruled a TKO win for Foster at the 0:40 mark.

James Woodhouse, 135, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over John Bizzarro, 140, Erie, Pa. Woodhouse, out of the ring since July of 1983, and sporting an unenviable 0-5-1 record, was very calm and precise as he slowly gained confidence. He dropped Bizzarro in the fifth, helping him to sweep the final two rounds.

Scores: Both Lynn Carter and Rocky Castellani had it 4-2, while Al DeVito saw it 5-1. The referee was Smoger. Bizzarro lost for only the second time in 13 outings.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-14-86)

James Broad had a picnic blasting out Rodney Frazier in the opening round of their scheduled 10 at the Trump Hotel/Casino.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Hotel-Casino**—Vendetta, what vendetta? James Broad versus the entire Frazier clan? Broad and Rodney Frazier literally being strong-armed by referee Randy Neumann to touch gloves in mid-ring? Broad, 248, Pleasantville, N.J., was out for revenge (he had lost a decision earlier in his pro career to Marvis). Rodney fell for the bait, and it was all over in less than a minute of the opening round of a scheduled 10.

Frazier, 207, Philadelphia, Pa., the nephew of Joe (who worked his corner) came charging out to ring center where a gleeful Broad could hardly believe his opportunity. He took just five ticks of the clock to unload a right uppercut to the body.

"Dug the body and I felt my hand sink in. His body was in agonizing pain," said Broad.

Frazier was then punched and manhandled to a neutral corner where the referee issued a standing eight count. Little did it matter. The nearly helpless Rodney was pursued to the other side of the ring where the fight was stopped by a finishing right hand. The time of the TKO was 0:55 of the first round.

Cortez Treadwell, 150, Fayetteville, N.C., registered a fifth round TKO over Lonnie Adams, 150½, Philadelphia, Pa., when Adams could not come out for the sixth. Treadwell was ahead all the way, and Adams had received a standing eight count in the fifth.

Paul Venti, referee. It was scheduled for eight rounds.

Bryant Paden, 135¾, Philadelphia, won a six-round split decision over Joe Loving, 136, Rochester, N.Y. It was close all the way. The edge to Paden occurred in the sixth when Loving was ordered to take a standing eight count from referee Randy Neumann after catching some solid punches. Scoring: Judge Richard F. Murry had it 3-2-1 for Loving, but was out voted by Frank Brunette and Frank Cairo, who both saw it 3-3 in rounds, but 27-26 in points to Paden.

Ray Daniels, 166¼, Philadelphia, is no longer winless. He took a four-round unanimous decision over John Fornara, 165, South Hampton, Pa. There were no knockdowns. Paul Venti, referee. Daniels is now 1-3; Fornara, 2-1. Scores: Cairo and Murry, 4-0, while Brunette had it 3-0-1.

Southpaw Earl Moorman, 125, Philadelphia, won a four-round majority decision over Ricky West, 126, Cleveland, Ohio. No knockdowns. Paul Venti, referee. Scores: Cairo, 4-0; Brunette, 3-1; Murry, 2-2.

Timekeeper—Arthur Spell.
Promoters—HBA East & Jeff Levine.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-25-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Hotel-Casino**—Well, so much for the unrelenting hype. Maybe now heavyweights the world over can breathe a little easier—Mike Tyson is human after all. The 215-pound Catskill, New York resident upped his marked to 17-0, all via the stoppage route, TKOing the winsome but unwilling Mike Jameson, 236¼, San Jose, California, at 0:46 of the fifth. Tyson left most ringsiders unimpressed.

Tyson was slow on his feet, lacked fire, came in straight, got tied up easily, and was even (slightly) stung by some right hands. Nevertheless, the out of shape Jameson, who just the day before declared himself prepared, came just to survive. He lost every round on all three cards.

Cut under the left eye in round two, Jameson dropped in Tyson's corner in the fourth after absorbing a four-punch combination that ended with a double left hook. Adding insult to injury, Jameson also had a point deducted for excessive (guilty) holding.

In the next session, Jameson was dropped by a right hook while on the ropes. He arose at four, but ref Joe Cortez would not acquiesce to Jameson's pleas to continue. While Tyson raised a number of questions with his performance, at least he was making a fight of it, unlike his opponent.

Advertised as a 10-round bout, it was announced in the ring as an eight-rounder. That day, the commission realized Tyson was not yet 20 years old, and therefore unable to go more than eight rounds in the state of New Jersey.

In a scheduled 10-round bout that opened the show, Jeff Lampkin, 175, Youngstown, Ohio, scored a TKO win at 2:52 of round seven over Tim Broady, 172¾, Brooklyn, New York. While there were no knockdowns, Lampkin dominated throughout.

The left eye of Broady was closing quickly and when a final right sent Tim staggering across the ring, referee Joe O'Neil stopped the fight.

In a solid action bout, Greg Tutt, 152¼, Philadelphia, Pa., won a six-round unanimous decision over Richard Quiles, 154¼, New York. The action was especially hot over the last three rounds. Scores: Tom Kaczmarek and Phil Newman both had it 5-1, while John Stewart scored 6-0. Referee, O'Neil.

Undefeated (now 9-0-1, four by kayo) Tony Pruitt, 119½, St. Louis, Mo., proved too strong for southpaw Fred Reed Hall, 120, Brooklyn, N.Y. Hall suffered a cut under his left eye in round one and was also dropped once in the second and twice in the fourth, all by left hooks to the head. The referee was Joe Cortez. Scores: Kaczmarek, 5-1, Stewart, 4-2; Newman, 3-2-1.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Promoters—HBA East, Jeff Levine.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(01-24-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Johnny Carter, 122, successfully defended his Pennsylvania State super bantamweight title with a first round knockout over mismatched Tommy Barnes, also 122, in a scheduled 12. Barnes, little more than a good preliminary fighter, tore after Carter at the sound of the opening bell. He managed to back up his vastly more experienced adversary for awhile, but Carter timed one of Tommy's rushes perfectly and nailed the oncoming youngster with a powerful left hook to the chin. Down went Barnes for referee Tommy Reed's full count in 2:37.

Carter upped his record to 29-3 with 18 kayoes. Barnes slipped to 7-3 with four knockouts.

Local favorite Anthony Boyle, 126½, was held to a draw by crafty Doug Pettiford, 127, Wilmington, Dela., in a lively six. Pettiford was handing Boyle a boxing lesson, but ran low on gas, allowing Boyle to rally down the stretch for a draw. Boyle is now 7-0-1 with six knockouts. Pettiford is 5-6-4 with two kayoes.

Tony Martin, 139, Philadelphia, stopped Tony Jackson, 135, Philadelphia, in the sixth.

Carlos Pena, 116½, won a four-round decision over fellow Philadelphian Ed Fisher, 117.

Ed Cerebe, 117, Philadelphia, and Ruben Marquez, 119, Philadelphia, had their scheduled four-round bout ruled "no decision" when Cerebe suffered a badly cut eye as a result of a clash of heads in the third.

Manuel Braga Opher, 151, outpointed Carlos DeJesus, 151, four. Both men from Philadelphia.

Zachary Smith, 173, Philadelphia, stopped Norman Boyce, 169, Philadelphia, in the second round of their scheduled four.

Peltz/Tiger Eye, Ltd.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—1,115.
(12-10-85)

NIGEL COLLINS

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—Hughie (Buttons) Kearney, 146, Philadelphia, won the vacant state welter crown with a majority decision over Steve Little, 147, Reading, 12. In contrast to previous state title fights, this one was a bore, featuring all strategy and little action. A southpaw stick-and-move artist, Kearney benefited by keeping the action to a minimum against the roughhousing Little. The upstater seemed mesmerized by Hughie's movements, not mounting a charge until the eighth, and then appearing to tire from the effort. The doldrums returned until Steve managed a desperation attempt in the 12th. Before the decision, a fan asked his friend, "Whatdaya think, Al?" The pal summarized, "I don't care!" Carol Polis voted 58-52, Al Morris 58-55, and Manny Altman 54-54. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

In contrast, a returning Sidney Gantz, 149, Lancaster, upset house-favorite Brian McGinley, 149, Kensington, by split decision in a thrilling eight. A sharp right counter staggered Gantz in the second, and he was floored shortly after, barely surviving. But Sidney showed discipline, boxed well, and closed Brian's left eye with the jab. Gaining momentum, Gantz trapped McGinley in a corner in the fifth with a relentless hail of punches until Brian took a count on one knee just to escape. But Sidney failed to secure his victory, and let McGinley back in. Brian came on in the last two to make it close. Altman voted 37-35 and Morris 37-36, Gantz, Polis an uncalled-for 39-35, McGinley. Tommy Reid, referee.

Prospect Tony Martin, 139, Philadelphia, set the pace against wily vet Rich McCain, 141, Philadelphia, to win a unanimous verdict in an action six. Tommy Reid, referee.

Ricky Diaz, 112, Philadelphia, won a close unanimous decision over Lawrence Cheatham, also 112, Philadelphia, in a good four. Cheatham should have won, but tried to sit on an early lead, and let the determined Diaz back in to steal it. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Kevin Dublin, 176, Philadelphia, blitzed Norman Boyce, 172, Philadelphia, with a two-knockdown K.O. in 1:43 of the first round in a scheduled four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Robert Neeley, 155, Philadelphia, survived a rally by Kelvin Hanton, 161, Philadelphia, then kayoed the exhausted Hanton in 2:00 of the third round in their scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—1150. Gross—$12,500 (est.).
Timekeeper—Carl Hutchins.
Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(01-14-86)

J. R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—New Daisy Theatre**—USBA junior middleweight champion Duane Thomas won a unanimous decision over elusive Lopez McGee of Nashville, 10. Thomas is now 27-1.

Cruiserweight contender Michael Greer of Memphis won a unanimous decision over Paul Madison of Oklahoma City, 10. Greer is now 22-5-1.

Sammy Brooks of Oklahoma City won a split decision over Walter Ivory of Memphis, six, middles.

Bruce Card of Memphis halted Bryan Grant at 2:43 of the first round in a scheduled four, middles.

Reggie Barnes of Millington Naval Air Station won a unanimous decision over Ron Johnson of Oklahoma City, four, welters.

Chuck Glover of Covington, Tenn., stopped Maurice Frazier of Memphis in 2:14 of the first round in their scheduled four, welters.

Referees—Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Al Sullivan.
Judges—Sam Garland, Gilbert Beam, C.B. Smith, Haywood Watts, Bob McCullough, Ken Roach.
Timekeeper—Ron Cardoni.
Ring Announcer—Sleepy Rutherford.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Joe Wilhite.
Promoter—Tom Harmon.
Matchmaker—Red Fortner.
Attendance—650 (estimated; SRO).
(01-07-86)

MICHAEL GLENN

TEXAS

▶**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gymnasium**—Glen (Candyman) Lunceford, 156, TKO'd Kenny Boutwell, 155, at 1:55 of the first round. The Candyman had been inactive for five months following an automobile accident. He's now undefeated in nine bouts and looked good in stopping Boutwell.

Gilbert Contreras went to 5-0 by halting William Garcia, 125, at 2:02 of round two.

Debuting Robert Guy, 143, TKO'd Roland Baker, 143½, at 2:04 of the second. Guy signed a five-year contract with Gorman's Gym after the bout.

Dennis (Ice Box) Butler, 255, TKO'd Louis Brooks, 200¼, at 1:08 of the second. Butler is now 3-0—all knockouts.

Greg Foster, 115, and Anthony Aragon, 114, drew, four.

Gilbert Vera, 220, kayoed Henry Bolden, 205, in 1:28 of the second.

Robin Blake boxed an exhibition with Lupe Miranda.
Referees—Dick Cole, Spider Bynum, Ronnie Walters.
Judges—Ken Fewell, Jack Woodruff.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—William Gardner, James Marr.
Ten-Count Productions.
Attendance—554. Gross—$5,322.
(01-14-86)

WAYNE M. ANDERSON

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
2. Jose (Nino) Ribalta (Cuba)
3. Eddie (The Animal) Lopez (Mexico)
4. Carlos (Rocky) Hernandez (Cuba)
5. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
6. Luis Lozano (Panama)
7. Arturo (King Kong) Diaz (Mexico)
8. Rafael Guerrero (Dom. Rep.)
9. Jesus Rosario (Dom. Rep.)
10. Juan (Gulliver) Figueroa (Argentina)
11. Luis Gonzalez (Panama)
12. Fernando (Toro) Montes (Mexico)
13. Pedro Montero (Dom. Rep.)
14. Ramon Jofre (Argentina)
15. Raul Venturelli (Argentina)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Osvaldo (Jaws) Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
3. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
4. Jose Maria Flores Burlon (Uruguay)
5. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
6. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Mexico)
7. Narciso Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
8. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
9. Ramon Ronquillo (Mexico)
10. Jose Helguera (Argentina)
11. Daniel Neto (Argentina)
12. Hector Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
13. Jorge Dascola (Argentina)
14. Omar (Pulgarcito) Perez (Nicaragua)
15. Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses (Mexico)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
2. Jorge (Violin) Salgado (Argentina)
3. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
4. Eduardo Contreras (Argentina)
5. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
6. Juan Carlos Fernandez (Argentina)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
8. Tomas Polo (Colombia)
9. Sergio Merani (Argentina)
10. Felipe Guzman (Peru)
11. Angel (Cafe) Jimenez (Dom. Rep.)
12. Miguel Mosna (Argentina)
13. Mario Melo (Argentina)
14. Ramon Perez (Dominican Republic)
15. Gilberto Colon (Puerto Rico)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Juan Carlos Gimenez (Paraguay)
3. Jorge Amparo (Dominican Republic)
4. Esteban Pizarro (Puerto Rico)
5. Jose (Pepo) Quinones (Puerto Rico)
6. Roberto Ruiz (Argentina)
7. Miguel Maldonado (Argentina)
8. Mario Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
9. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
10. Andres (Pantera) Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Dario Mattioni (Argentina)
12. Jose Duarte (Mexico)
13. Nestor (La Bestia) Flores (Panama)
14. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
15. Horacio Perez (Colombia)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
3. Carlos Victor Velasquez (Argentina)
4. Ramon (Potro) Ramos (Argentina)
5. Hugo Marinangeli (Argentina)
6. Carlos Del Valle Herrera (Argentina)
7. Lupe Aquino (Mexico)
8. Vicente Silva (Argentina)
9. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
10. Rafael Donado (Colombia)
11. Inocencio Carmona (Puerto Rico)
12. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
13. Jose Vallejo (Dominican Republic)
14. Luis Primera (Venezuela)
15. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes (Mexico)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Eduardo (Chita Ruiz) Rodriguez (Panama)
2. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Vaca (Mexico)
4. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
5. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
6. Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo (Argentina)
7. Fernando (Rocco) Castro (Peru)
8. Elio Omar Diaz (Venezuela)
9. Pablo Baez (Dominican Republic)
10. Luis Santana (Dominican Republic)
11. Antonio Ricardo Juarez (Argentina)
12. Carlos Prieto (Argentina)
13. Genaro Leon (Mexico)
14. Marcelo Di Crocce (Argentina)
15. Antonio Espinal (Dominican Republic)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
2. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
3. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
4. Reyes Antonio Cruz (Dominican Republic)
5. Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez (Argentina)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (Cuba)
7. Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi (Argentina)
8. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
9. Ramon Jara (Argentina)
10. Adolfo Arce Rossi (Argentina)
11. Rafael Williams (Panama)
12. Saul Julio (Colombia)
13. Juan B. Rondon (Venezuela)
14. Orlando Orozco (Venezuela)
15. Agustin Caballero (Panama)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
2. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
5. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
6. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
7. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
8. Juan Ramon Cruz (Puerto Rico)
9. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
10. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
11. Roque (Rocky) Montoya (Mexico)
12. Ernesto Espana (Venezuela)
13. Alberto Mercedes Cortes (Argentina)
14. Orlando Romero (Peru)
15. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
2. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
3. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
4. Alfredo Layne (Panama)
5. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Francisco Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
7. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
8. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
9. Geronimo Luqurez (Colombia)
10. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Republic)
11. Julio Llerenas (Colombia)
12. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
13. Pedro Armando Gutierrez (Argentina)
14. Daniel Londas (Martinique)
15. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Eusebio Pedroza (Panama)
2. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
3. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
4. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
5. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
6. Leonardo (Lenny) Valdez (Mexico)
7. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
8. Jose Mario Lopez (Argentina)
9. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
10. Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
11. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)
12. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
13. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
14. Jose Caba (Dominican Republic)
15. Osmar Avila (Argentina)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
2. Guadalupe Pintor (Mexico)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
7. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
8. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
9. Pedro Decima (Argentina)
10. Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
11. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
12. Jose Meneses (Panama)
13. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
14. Jesus Flores (Venezuela)
15. Carlos Segura (Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
2. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
3. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
4. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
5. Benito Badilla (Chile)
6. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
7. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
8. Javier Avila (Mexico)
9. Edgar Roman (Venezuela)
10. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
11. Azael Moran (Panama)
12. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
13. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)
14. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
15. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
2. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
3. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
4. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
5. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
6. Juan Carlos Cortes (Argentina)
7. Jesus Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
8. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
9. Jose Chacon (Panama)
10. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
11. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Republic)
12. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Republic)
13. Juan Polo Perez (Colombia)
14. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
15. Jose Cufre (Argentina)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
5. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
6. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
7. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
8. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
9. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Republic)
10. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
11. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
12. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
13. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
14. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
15. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
3. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
4. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
5. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
6. Francisco Quiroz (Dominican Republic)
7. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
8. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
9. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
10. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
11. Babe Luis (Mexico)
12. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
13. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
14. Javier Alonso (Mexico)
15. Hector Patri (Argentina)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▶PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—Lupe Aquino, 153, Santa Paula, Calif., won a unanimous decision over David Noel, 152, 10. Noel is the junior middleweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago.

Scoring: referee St. Aude, 47-44; judge Lawrence Assam, 47-43; judge Molly Boxhill, 48-44. It was the worst showing of Noel's career.

Tyrone Downes, 128, Barbados, stopped 35-year-old veteran Hector Cortez, 126, Ecuador, at 0:28 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Joseph (The Beast) Alexander, 141, Trinidad, came from behind to halt Julio Chavez-Casimiro, 140, Venezuela, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

Carl Goulding, 141¾, Guyana, won a unanimous decision over Neil Finch, 142, six.

Guapo Tiger, 164¾, Trinidad, won a majority decision over Terrence Bannister, 160¼, six. Referee McKenzie Granger and judge George Cumberbatch carded it for Tiger and judge Thommie Thomas scored the bout a draw. A terrible decision.
(11-01-85)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶SAN JOSE—Ramon Jara outscored Osvaldo Diaz, 10, junior welters.

Roberto Haidar won by a disqualification over Ruben Ojeda in round seven, featherweights.
(12-04-85)

▶SALTA—Hector Vilte won the vacant Salta State junior welter title by outpointing veteran Antonio Hugo Vicente, 12.
(12-05-85)

▶TRES DE FEBRERO—Argentine and South America junior flyweight title holder Mario DeMarco stopped bantamweight Julio Juarez in seven.
(12-06-85)

▶BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium—Marcelo Di Crocce knocked out Daniel Gonzalez in the first round, welters. Di Crocce is now 14-1.
(12-07-85)

▶PARANA—Argentine junior middleweight champion Ramon (Potro) Ramos won a unanimous (100-96, 100-99, 100-97) decision over Vicente Silva, 10.
(12-07-85)

▶GUALEGUAYCHU—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez won a unanimous decision over Raul Gomez, 10. Dominguez is now 59-14-5.
(12-07-85)

▶ROSARIO—Veteran Eduardo Contreras won the city of Rosario light heavyweight title with a unanimous (120-116, 119-115, 119-115) decision over Juan Carlos Rodriguez, 12.
(12-07-85)

▶ESQUEL—Rising lightweight Osvaldo Maldonado outscored veteran Mario Viscaya, 10.
(12-07-85)

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Centro de Educacion Fisica Numero Uno—Unbeaten junior featherweight Pedro Decima stopped Julio Ramirez in round seven. Ramirez, who was on the canvas twice, is managed by former world junior welterweight champion Nicolino Locche.
(12-13-85)

▶TANDIL—Miguel (Canibal) Maldonado halted Juan Carlos Ceballos in the fourth round, middles.
(12-13-85)

▶SANTA ROSA—Club Fortin Roca—Club Fortin Roca—Hugo Marinangelis won a unanimous (100-97, 99-97, 98-97) decision over Carlos Martinez, 10. Marinangelis, a junior middleweight, is now 23-0.
(12-13-85)

▶NUEVE DE JULIO—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz outscored Raul Roque Bianco, 10, junior lightweights.
(12-13-85)

▶VILLA MARIA—Argentine junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas halted former Argentine flyweight title holder Ramon Horacio Albers in four.
(12-13-85)

▶BAHIA BLANCA—Ramon Collado outpointed Hugo (Patoruzu) Luero, 10, welters.
(12-14-85)

▶SALTA—Club Salta—Former Argentine and South American flyweight champion Ruben Condori won a unanimous decision over current Argentine and South American bantamweight title holder Lucio (Metralleta) Lopez, 10. The "Upset of the Year" in Argentina; Lopez had been undefeated.
(12-14-85)

▶MENDOZA—Estadio Pascual Perez—Jose Maria Lopez outscored Ramon Soria, 10, featherweights. A sensational bout.
(12-14-85)

▶ROSARIO—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Ramon Abeldano and Antonio Ricardo (Pocho) Juarez drew, 10.
(12-14-85)

▶SAN PEDRO DE JUJUY—Hipolito Nunez and Jose Cubillas drew, 10, junior lightweights.
(12-18-85)

▶TUCUMAN—Former Argentine junior lightweight champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez halted Jose Villarreal in nine.
(12-19-85)

▶RAFAELA—Juan Carlos Fernandez won the Santa Fe State light heavyweight title by outpointing Juan Carlos Fernandez, 12.
(12-20-85)

▶SAN PEDRO—Ruben Astorga outclassed Donato Zamora, 10, feathers. Juan Cabanas outpointed Jose Ramon Acevedo, six, junior middles.
(12-20-85)

▶CATAMARCA—Local Luis A. Soto stopped Mario Viscaya in nine, lights.
(12-20-85)

▶LA RIOJA—Rising lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cortes outscored Mario Araya, 10.
(12-20-85)

▶SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY—Eduardo Galan outpointed Ricardo Gil, 10, junior lightweights.
(12-20-85)

▶CASILDA—Adolfo Arce Rossi outscored Anibal Sosa, 10, junior welterweights.
(12-20-85)

▶PERGAMINO—South American light heavyweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon of Uruguay, now fighting as a cruiser, outscored Argentine and South American cruiserweight title holder Hector Rohr, 10.
(12-21-85)

▶SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY—Rising middleweight Dario Mattioni halted Carlos Schulz in round four, middles.
(12-27-85)

CHILE

▶TALCAHUANO—Benito Badilla retained his Latin American bantamweight crown by stopping Cardenio Ulloa in five.
(11-30-85)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
3. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
4. Horace Notice (Great Britain)
5. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
6. Dave Russell (Australia)
7. Mike Simwelu (Zambia)
8. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
9. John Westgarth (Great Britain)
10. Conroy Nelson (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. John Odhiambo (Kenya)
3. Asea Nama (Fiji)
4. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)
5. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
6. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
7. Steve Aczel (Australia)
8. Wally Carr (Australia)
9. Young Dempsey (Canada)
10. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
3. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
4. Keith Bristol (Great Britain)
5. Flash Chisango (Zimbabwe)
6. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
7. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
8. Doug Sam (Australia)
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2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
4. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Michael Olajide (Canada)
7. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
8. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
9. Bryan Muller (Guyana)
10. Paul Muyodi (Uganda)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. John Munduga (Uganda)
5. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
6. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
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WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
3. David Hilton (Canada)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
8. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
9. Donny Poole (Canada)
10. Martin McGough (Great Britain)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Dale Artango (Australia)
3. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
6. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
7. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
8. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
9. Mohammad Kawoya (Uganda)
10. Anthony Andrews (Guyana)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
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1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Ghana)
3. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
4. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
5. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
6. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
7. Paul Chance (Great Britain)
8. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Mickey Baker (Great Britain)

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Champion
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1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Lester Ellis (Australia)
3. Isaiah Ikhoni (Kenya)
4. Tony Miller (Australia)
5. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
6. Marty Feighan (Australia)
7. Danster Brown (Australia)
8. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
9. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
10. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)

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Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
7. John Feeney (Great Britain)
8. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
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10. Tony Pep (Canada)

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Champion
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1. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
2. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
3. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
4. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
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3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
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6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
9. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
10. Jimmy Young (Nigeria)

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—"Easy Boy" Michael Mercelina, 177, halted Charles Crawford, 174, Guyana, at 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Referee Wilfred Boodhoo stopped the contest after Crawford was floored for the second time. He had also taken a mandatory eight-count.

Michael Phoenix, 142, won a majority decision over William Gordon, 134½, eight. Cecil Henry, referee.

Lancelot Cyrus, 129, won a majority decision over Conrad Hunte, 128, six. Fast and crisp, the best fight of the night. Eiom Jardine, referee.

Winston Goodridge, 115½, won a unanimous decision over late sub Linden Mortley, 118, four. Mortley showed some signs of promise. Frank Fernandez, referee.

Orrin Favourite, 166, won a unanimous decision over Derrick Housner, 156, four. Eiom Jardine, referee.

Marcelle Daniels, 134, won a unanimous decision over Roy Smith, 135½, four. Sydney Cummings, referee.

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▶**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Lloyd Honeyghan, Bermondsey, 145¾, kept his European welterweight title and annexed the British and Commonwealth crowns held by Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, the bout being stopped at 1:39 of round eight in a scheduled 12. Mittee had a cut over the right eye, and referee John Coyle called a halt on the advice of British Board of Control Medical Officer Dr. Adrian Whiteson.

Promoter Frank Warren, who also manages Mittee, thought Mittee should have been allowed to continue. The injury needed six stitches, and Honeyghan looked ahead at that stage. Also, Mittee was suffering from a cracked bone in his lower gum, and was fighting under a great handicap.

Mittee was twice down briefly, and although the mandatory eight-count was enforced on each occasion, they looked more like slips than genuine knockdowns.

Honeyghan boxed confidently throughout, and only in rounds four and seven did Mittee shine. It was a grim battle, worthy of a title fight, but in the later stages the handicapped Mittee dropped behind.

This meant that Honeyghan wins the Lonsdale Belt outright. Promoter Warren paid the boxers £62,000, the highest ever in that division. Honeyghan now comes into the world title scene, and Mittee, who afterwards said he was too keyed up for this fight and consequently not at his best, has the ability to come again.

Funso Banjo, West Ham, 233½, outpointed South African Ron Ellis, 228½, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it a narrow 78½-78 after eight. However, there were those who thought Ellis deserved the verdict by virtue of his aggression. It was an untidy contest, with Ellis throwing a lot of punches, many not landing, and Banjo not throwing so many; but Banjo's left jab was a frequent scoring punch.

Tony Adams, Brixton, 139¼, won the Southern Area light welterweight title by outpointing champion Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 138, referee Jacobs scoringit 98-97 over 10. Keen, but unexciting.

Tony Graham, Paddington, 132, outpointed Anthony Wakefield, Dinningford, 130, over six twos.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 127, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, Hull, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 60-58 after six, indicating Nickels hadn't lost a round.
(11-28-85)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Mayfair**—John Westgarth, Newcastle, 213½, kayoed Frenchman Damien Marignan, 220½, in 2:20 of round three in a scheduled 10 with a right to the chin.

Paul Lister, Newcastle, 198½, outpointed Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 206, over eight twos, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79½-78. Lister was down in round three from a blow to the body.

Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 143¾, drew with Junaido Ausha, Ghana, 140¾, over eight twos, referee Bryson scoring it 78½ each.

Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 176, stopped Sean West, Alfreton, 166, triallist referee Gerald Watson intervening in round three, the bell sounding as West was in the act of rising from a count of nine. West was also down in round two.

J.J. Mudd, Liverpool, 138¾, outpointed Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 138, referee Bryson scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

(11-14-85)

▶**LONDON—Battersea**—Tony Burke, Croydon, 160, successfully defended his Southern Area middleweight title by stopping Conrad Oscar, Lewisham, also 160, referee Larry O'Connell calling a halt at /:48 of the 10th and final round with Oscar seemingly helpless on the ropes. As the fight was stopped, Oscar fell to his knees, where he remained for a few minutes. Nobbins were tossed into the ring in appreciation of a fine contest, which remained in the balance until that final round.

Oscar was cut by the left eye in round five, but had Burke in trouble in round eight. It was amazing how Burke survived this session, but survive it he did, and took over with Oscar exhausted from his own efforts.

Alan Baptiste, Luton, 165¼, outpointed Karl Barwise, Tooting, 167, referee Mark White casting it 59½-58½ over six. This was their third meeting, the score being one win each and one draw.

Chris Blake, Battersea, 144¼, outpointed Vince Stewart, Tottenham, 144, over six, referee O'Connell scoring it 60-57½, indicating that Blake had not lost a round. Despite the scoreline, it was a cracking fight.

Paul Dawson, Kingston, 137, drew with Nicky Day, Southampton, 136½, over six twos. Referee White made it 59 each. Day was down in round five.

Jerry Reid, Camberley, 186, made a successful debut by outpointing Gilbert Alexander, Notting Hill, 186, referee White scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

(11-19-85)

▶**LONDON—MMerton Civic Hall**—Lou Gent, Streatham, 176, confirmed a previous win by outpointing substitute Winston Burnett, Cardiff, over eight twos, not losing a round, with referee Roland Dakin's card showing 80-77.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 154½, beat Ian Martin, Croydon, 156½, referee Dakin intervening at 1:00 of the eighth and final round when Martin was cut by the left eye. Martin was floored in round three. It was their third meeting, and Barnett's first win.

Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 146, gained his sixth successive win by outpointing Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 146¾, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 59½-58 after six twos.

Graham Jenner, Hastings, 165½, outpointed debutant George Mack, Portsmouth, 168, referee Sower casting it 59½-57½ after six twos.

Another debutant, Carlton Warren, Battersea, 161½, looked good in stopping J.J. Smith, Tunbridge Wells, 162, referee Dakin calling a halt in round three of a scheduled six with Smith under pressure.

Andrew Furlong, Hammersmith, 136, didn't lose a round in outpointing Robert Southey, Abingdon, 138, referee Sower's card showing 60-58½ after six twos.

After two years' inactivity, Mark Good, Croydon, 154, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Reg Lockyer, Bournemouth, 149, referee Sower casting it 60-58 after six twos.

(11-14-85)

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▶**DUDLEY—Town Hall**—Tony Willis, Birmingham, 133¾, retained his British lightweight title by stopping Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 134½, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:30 of round five in a scheduled 12 after Chance had been down three times. A plucky challenge by Chance, who afterwards announced his retirement from the ring after eight years at the age of 27.

Tony Wilson, Wolverhampton, 176, stopped Alex Romeo, Leicester, 180, referee Frank Parkes intervening in round two of a scheduled eight with Romeo under pressure and with a swelling by the left eye.

Peter Till, Bloxwich, 137, also won in two rounds, his fight with Paul Wetter, Newport, 138, being halted by referee Parkes after he had been down twice in their scheduled six twos.

Tony Heath, Leicester, 116, kayoed Dave Mallaby, Doncaster, 115, at 0:56 of round three in a scheduled six twos. Frank Parkes, referee.

Mark Poultney, Coventry, 138½, outpointed Geoff Calder, Kettering, not losing a round on referee O'Connor's card, which showed 60-57½ after six twos.

Another who didn't lose a round was James Baxter, Leicester, 161, who outpointed Joe Lynch, Plymouth, 157, referee O'Connor scoring it 60-56 after six twos. Lynch was floored in round five.

(11-19-85)

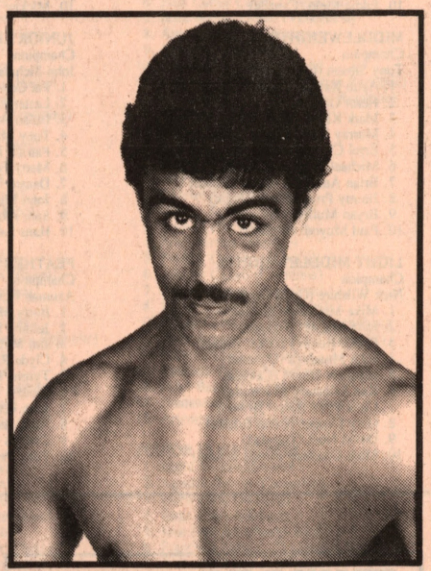
▶**GLASGOW—Hospitality Inn**—John McAllister, Port Glasgow, 154, won the vacant Scottish light middleweight title by outpointing Jim Kelly, Wishaw, 150½. Referee Billy Rafferty scored it 100-97½, which indicated that McAllister had not lost a round. Kelly afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

John Bennie, Hurlford, 130, didn't lose a round and remained unbeaten by outpointing Denzil Goddard, Llanelli, 128, referee Rafferty casting it 60-58 after six twos.

Drew Black, Coatbridge, 138, drew with Brian Waring, Southport, 141, over six twos. Referee Danny McCafferty scored it 59 each.

Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 126, didn't lose a round in outpointing Young Garskey, Glasgow, 124, referee McCafferty casting it 60-58 after six twos.

(11-18-85)



George Collins stopped Micky Bird for his eighth straight win as a professional.

▶**HUDDERSFIELD—Sports Centre**—Antonio Harris, Birmingham, 189½, drew with Andy Straughn, Hitchin, 186¾, over 10, referee Harry Warner awarding them 99½ each.

George Collins, Camberley, 149, won his eighth in a row by stopping Micky Bird, Chesterfield, 148, referee Warner intervening at 0:52 of round five in a scheduled six when Bird had stopped fighting back.

Carl Gaffney, Leeds, 217½, was floored in round two by a right to the head, but came back to outpoint Al Malcolm, Birmingham, 214, over eight, referee Keith Garner casting it 79½-77.

Michael Marsden, Leeds, 135, outpointed Ray Newby, Nottingham, 134, referee Warner scoringit 59½-58½ after six.

Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 114, didn't lose a round in outpointing Seamus Tuohy, Manchester, 116, referee Garner scoring it 60-58 after six.

Ernie Noble, Wakefield, 138, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Ted Mahaffey, Blackpool, 140, referee Garner's card showing 40-38 after four.

(11-21-85)

▶**LONGFORD—Credt Hotel**—Serg Fame, Paddington, 172, kayoed Terry Gilbey, Hull, 172½, in 1:02 of round four in a scheduled eight twos. Referee, Harry Gibbs.

Glen Dainty, Canvey Island, 123, outpointed Tony Rahman, Cardiff, 123, referee Gibbs scoring a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Freddie James, Acton, 164, outpointed George Grey, Walworth, 162½, referee Richard Davies scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. Grey was down from a left hook.

Andrew Furlong, Fulham, 135¾, narrowly outpointed Tony Richards, Nottingham, referee Davies casting it 59-58½ after six.

(11-22-85)

▶**STAFFORD**—Lennie Gloster, Peterborough, 142, narrowly outscored Micky Lerwill, Telford, 144, referee John Coyle casting it 78½-78 after eight.

John Dicken, Wednesbury, 138, comfortably outpointed George Jones, Telford, 133, referee Coyle's card showing 59½-58 after six twos.

Barry Bacon, Alfreton, 132, outpointed Mark Broome, Grimsby, 130, over six twos by 59½-58. Triallist referee Terry O'Connor officiated, with John Coyle scoring from outside the ring.

Mick Markie, Kettering, 122, confirmed a previous win by beating Pete Bowen, Wednesbury, also 122. Referee Jim Pridding intervened at 0:35 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Bowen had been down in round three and was cut by the left eye.

Kevin Hughes, Glasgow, 154, beat Malcolm Davies, Shrewsbury, 153, who looked ahead when he sustained an eye injury, prompting referee Coyle to stop it at the end of round five in a scheduled six twos.

(11-19-85)

▶**HARTLEPOOL—Borough Hall**—Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 137, won the vacant Northern Area welterweight title by outpointing Neil Patterson, Darlington, 143, referee Fred Potter scoring it 99-97 after 10. An excellent contest, and although the verdict was correct, Patterson deserves every credit for contesting the issue every inch of the way.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 213½, kayoed Mick Chmilowskyl, Dagenham, 198, who was counted out by referee Arnold Bryson at 1:15 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos. It was Mick's first bout in two and a half years, and he was obviously ring rusty. Both were down in round three, and Mick was floored in round six.

Patrick Loftus, Peterborough, 130¾, narrowly outpointed Marvin P. Gray, Stanley, 130, referee Bryson casting it 59½-59 over six twos.

Steve Harwood, Batley, 143¾, didn't lose a round in outpointing Andy Smith, Stoke, 139, referee Bryson scoring it 60-59 after six twos. Harwood was down briefly in rounds two and four.

Darren Bowen, Wednesbury, 152, outpointed debutant Frank Graham, Alfreton, 148, referee Potter's card showing a narrow 59½-59 after six twos. Triallist Gerald Watson officiated inside the ring. Graham was down from a right hand just before the final bell.

(11-21-85)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Former British featherweight champion John Feeney, Hartlepool, 128½, entered the junior lightweight division with a satisfactory win over Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 130, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79-78 after eight. Feeney boxed coolly and confidently, and was the more accurate agaisnt a capable opponent.

Tony McKenzie, Leicester, 140, stopped Raffaele Feliciello, Rhyl, 141, referee Thomas intervening at 2:20 of round six in a scheduled eight after Feliciello had been caught with a right to the jaw.

Judas Clottey, Ghana, 149, outpointed Terry Brooks, Hackney, 154¼, referee John Keane casting it 79½-78 after eight twos. (An unusual pairing. Clottey is number 16 in the WBC world ratings, so what's he doing fighting two-minute rounds?) Brooks, although unbeaten, had had only three previous bouts.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 139½, outpointed George Kerr, Dundee, 140, referee Keane casting it 80-77 after eight twos, indicating that Flear had won every round. Kerr was down in the opening round.

Andrew Mayers, Aston, 136, outpointed Billy Buchanan, Glasgow, 140¾, by 59-58 over six twos.

(11-20-85)

▶**BLAENAVON—Leisure Centre**—Andrew Williams, 135, Garndiffaith, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mark Pearce, Cardiff, 136, referee Ivor Bassett scoring it 80-76 after eight threes. An excellent contest.

Debutant Abner Blackstock, Newport, 184, outpointed Les Davies, Cymmer, over six by a narrow 59-58½.

Russell Jones, Rhondda, 129½, outpointed Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 135, referee Roddy Evans scoring it 79½-76½ after eight.

Stephen Davies, Trefor, 155½, stopped debutant Steve Yorath, 158, referee Bassett intervening at 1:30 of round five in a scheduled six with Yorath under pressure.

Adrian Staples, Rhydyfelin, narrowly outpointed Billy Bartoh, Blaengarw, 121½, referee Evans casting it 59-58½ after six.

(11-21-85)

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Ray Gilbody, Warrington, 117, retained his British bantamweight title by beating John Farrell, Liverpool, 117½, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 1:40 of round eight in a scheduled 12 when Farrell had cuts by both eyes, and one on the forehead. In spite of his injuries, John protested that he was able to continue.

It was Gilbody's first victory over Farrell as a pro, but they drew in a bout for the Central Area title, and Ray beat John three times in the amateur ranks.

So they knew each other's styles pretty well. This one was a bruising encounter, with lots of infringements, and the finer arts at a premium. Both were warned, and it was a case of the survival of the fittest as they punched it out grimly.

Seconds before the stoppage, Gilbody was cut by the right eye, which means the postponement of his European title challenge against Italian Ciro De Leva.

Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 148, stopped Vince Stewart, Tottenham, 144½, referee Dave Parris intervening at 1:20 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Stewart had been floored.

Johnny Graham, Paddington, 163¾, won every round in outpointing Mickey Kidd, Bedworth, 166¾, referee O'Connell scoring it 80-76 after eight twos.

Debutant George Moody, Rayleigh, 150, looked good in outpointing Dana Young, Leytonstone, 152¼, referee Parris casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Brian Nickels, Kilburn, 132, kayoed A.M. Milton, Streatham, 134, in 1:40 of round four in a scheduled six twos. Milton had been down previously, and was counted out by triallist referee Tony West.

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Ronnie Mayer, Canning Town, 125¾, narrowly outpointed Peter Bell, Dagenham, 124¼, who was making his pro debut. Referee Parris scored it 59-58½.
(11-28-85)

▶**CARDIFF—Star Leisure Centre**—British heavyweight champion Hughroy Currie, Catford, 225½, outpointed All-African champion Proud Kilimanjaro, Zimbabwe, referee Harry Gibbs casting it 98-97 after 10. This was an eliminator for Trevor Berbick's Commonwealth crown.

An unspectacular contest for eight rounds, during which the more industrious Currie built up a good lead. At the end of the eighth, referee Gibbs went over to Kilimanjaro's corner, presumably to tell him to do some work, and this had an immediate effect.

At the start of round nine, Kilimanjaro took the initiative and Currie wondered what was happening as the Zimbabwe boxer banged away with both fists. Currie's gumshield came out, he once turned his back on his opponent, and he was unceremoniously bundled over—although the referee instructed the timekeeper not to take up the count.

The final round was the best of the fight. Kilimanjaro was cut by the right eye, but kept throwing punches, and Currie, although weak, took everything that was thrown at him—and still managed to survive and do a little on his own account.

It makes one wonder what might have happened if Kilimanjaro had started his rally earlier—but he didn't. That's the fight game. As for Kilimanjaro's world rating—he didn't look like a title contender on this occasion.

American Adam George, 152, surprisingly outpointed British light middleweight champion Prince Rodney, 154½, referee Gibbs scoring it a narrow 98½-98 after 10. George was the more accurate.

Debutant Floyd Havard, Merthyr, 128, stopped Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 131, referee Wynford Jones intervening at the end of round three in a scheduled six when Bramhald was cut by the left eye.

Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 163½, outpointed debutant Denys Cronin, Caerphilly, 159, referee Ivor Bassett casting it 59-58½ after six.

Neil Munn, Cardiff, 161¾, outpointed Bobby Williams, Southampton, 160, referee Bassett's card showing 59½-57½ after six.

Little Curry, Catford, 126, stopped Dai Williams, Merthyr, also 126, referee Jones intervening at 0:36 of round two in a scheduled six after Williams had been down.
(11-30-85)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Roy Smith, Nottingham, 185, won the Midlands Area cruiserweight title by outpointing Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 183, referee John Coyle scoring it a narrow 98½-98 after 10.

Simon Turner, Birmingham, 119, outpointed Tony Heath, Leicester, 117, referee Bryan Arnott casting it a narrow 59½-59.

Charlie Sexton, Glasgow, 138, outpointed Wayne Trigg, Nuneaton, 136, referee Coyle (outside the ring) casting it 59-58 after six twos. Triallist referee Javis Greenidge officiated inside.

George Jones, Telford, 135, stopped George Baigrie, Edinburgh, 137½, referee Arnott intervening at 1:15 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Baigrie under pressure.
(11-26-85)

▶**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Johnny Williamson, New Cross, 150½, stopped Gary Pearce, Newport, 147, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 1:15 of round one in a scheduled eight twos after Pearce had been down twice.

Steve Elwood, Camberwell, 147, stopped Ray Price, Swansea, 149½, referee Mike Jacobs calling a halt at the end of round five after Price had been down.

Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 156, drew with Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 156, referee Jacobs casting it 78 each. It was their second draw.

Courtney Phillips, Battersea, 150, stopped Neb Newbold, Alfreton, 148, referee Snipe halting matters at 1:25 of round one in a scheduled six twos with Newbold under pressure.

Renard Ashton, Luton, 128, outpointed John Devine, Camden Town, 129, referee Jacobs' card showing 59½-58 after six twos.

Richie Edwards, Walworth, 134, outpointed Barry Bacon, Alfreton, 132, scoreline 59½-58 after six twos.
(12-2-85)

▶**ILKESTON—Regency Rooms**—After two years' inactivity, Lloyd Hibbert, 151½, didn't lose a round in outpointing Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 153½, referee John Coyle scoring it 80-76½ after eight.

Mark Hinds, Nottingham, 129, outpointed Mitchell King, Leicester, 125½, referee Coyle casting it 59½-58 after six.

Steve Farmer, Manchester, 156½, drew with Malcolm Melvin, 157, over six, referee Ivor Bassett awarding them 58 each.

Mark Broome, Grimsby, 132, outpointed Mark Needham, Dinnington, 131, referee Bassett's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six.
(11-28-85)

▶**BRADFORD—St. Georges Hall**—John Doherty, Bradford, won every round in outpointing Clyde Ruan, Slough, 130, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 100-95 after 10. This was an official eliminator for the British junior lightweight title.

Charlie Watson, Bradford, 150, comfortably outpointed Kid Marlow, Birmingham, 150, referee Dakin scoring it 59½-58½ after six. Marlow was down in round three.

Inactive for 12 months, George Bailey, Bradford, 120, stopped Stuart Fishermac, Luton, also 120, referee Keith Garner intervening at 1:57 of round three in a scheduled six after Fishermac had been down twice.

Richard Wagstaff, Morley, 148½, narrowly outpointed Claude Rossi, Derby, 150, referee Garner, casting it 59-58½ after six.

Steve Garber, Bradford, 217, outpointed Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 198, over six, referee Garner casting it a narrow 59½-59.
(11-27-85)

▶**GLASGOW—Plaza Ballroom**—Alex Dickson, 136½, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Dave Haggerty, Paisley, 136, referee Len Mullen calling a halt at 2:50 of round six in a scheduled eight when Haggerty was cut by the left eye. It looked even up to then.

Peter Bradley, Glasgow, 130½, outpointed Paul Downie, Glasgow, 131, referee Billy Rafferty scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Steve Kiernan, Moddlesdurn, 141, stopped Steve Harwood, Batley, 145, referee Mullen calling a halt at 1:54 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Harwood had been floored three times.

Joe Kelly, Glasgow, 113, didn't lose a round outpointing Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 116, referee Rafferty casting it 60-58 after six twos.

Gary Jacobs, Glasgow, 150, won every round in outpointing Dave Heaver, Doncaster, referee Mullen's card showing 60-57 after six.
(12-02-85)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Inactive for three years, Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 177, stopped Mark Walker, Leigh, 177, referee Harry Warner calling a halt at 1:25 of round seven in a scheduled eight after Walker had been down three times.

Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 128, kayoed debutant Phil Johnson, Southport, 130, at 1:35 of round one in a scheduled six twos. A left hook put Johnson on the canvas to be counted out by referee Keith Garner.

Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 152, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Ward, Nottingham, 158½, referee Warner casting it 60-58 after six twos. A great scrap.

Ian Harrison, Manchester, 133, outpointed Willy Wilson, Nottingham, 137, over six twos. Keith Garner, referee.
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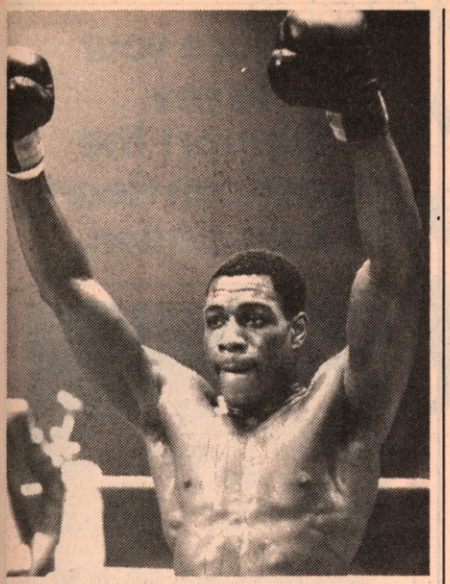


Frank Bruno made quick work of late substitute Larry Frazier, knocking the American out with a pair of body blows in the second round.

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Frank Bruno, European heavyweight champion, 227½, had an easy task to dispose of substitute Larry Frazier, 36-year-old American, knocking him out in 2:14 of round two in a scheduled 10. Two lefts to the body did the trick. Afterwards Frazier said that he didn't see it coming, and that it was "the best shot I've ever been caught with."

Frazier was substituting for Larry Alexander, who failed a brain scan by the British Boxing Board of Control medical men. Under the circumstances the result was predictable, but a great pity Bruno couldn't have met an opponent who would at least give him a good workout for a few rounds.

Tony Laing, Nottingham, 138¼, won his eliminator for the British light welterweight title by outpointing former British and European champion Clinton McKenzie, 139¾, referee Roland Dakin scoring it 99-96½ after 10, a wide margin.

Commonwealth light middleweight champion Nick Wilshire was taken all the way by Gary Cooper, and although he won on points the scoreline of 98½-98 by referee Ivor Bassett shows how close Cooper came to causing an upset. Both were inside the stipulated 156 in this overweight bout. It was one of the most punishing fights seen in some time, and both are to be congratulated on their stamina.

Gary Mason, 239½, beat Steve Gee, Birmingham, 221½, referee Reg Thompson halting matters at 1:25 of round five in a scheduled six when Gee was cut by the left eye.

Chris Blake, Battersea, 143, outpointed Lenny Gloster, Peterborough, 143¼, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58 after six.

Julian Monville, Bethnal Green, 155½, beat Gary Stretch, Liverpool, 155¾, referee Bassett stopping the action at 0:50 of round two in a scheduled six when Stretch was cut by the right eye.

(12-04-85)

▶**BELFAST—Ulster Hall**—British middleweight champion Herol Graham, 162½, outpointed American Sanderline Williams, 159½, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 99-97 after 10. It was Graham's first fight under new manager Barney Eastwood and his debut in Northern Ireland. It was also his 34th straight win, but although the margin of his victory was a wide one, the fans obviously expected a higher standard of performance.

However, Graham did what he had to do against an awkward opponent who covered up well under pressure.

Gary Muir, Belfast, 139, won the All-Ireland light welterweight title by knocking out Vince Vahey, Sheffield, 138½, in 2:20 of the opening round. A right cross put him down to be counted out by referee Bob McMillan.

Debutant Sam Storey, Belfast, 162½, stopped Nigel Shingles, Sheffield, also 162½, referee McMillan intervening at 1:55 of the sixth and final round after Shingles had been floored by a right hook.

Rocky McGran, Belfast, 159¼, outpointed Paul Smith, Sheffield, 159, referee Barney Wilson casting it 60-57 after six twos, indicating that McGran had won every round.

Mick Queally, Newry, outpointed Abner Blackstock, Wales, over six, referee Wilson scoring it 59½-57½ in this light heavyweight bout.

(12-03-85)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Claude Rossi, Derby, 148, drew with Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 149, over eight rounds. Referee Jim Pridding handled all bouts.

Steve Ward, Nottingham, 152, narrowly outpointed Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 154, over six by 59-58½.

Des Gargano, Manchester, 126, outpointed Robert Newbiggin, Southport, 131, over six, also by a narrow 59-58½.

Mitchell King, Leicester, 120, conceded weight but still outpointed Barry Bacon, Alfreton, 128, over six, and again by the score of 59-58½.

(12-09-85)

▶**EVERTON—Eveton Park Sports Centre**—Tony Brown, Bootle, 145, successfully defended his Central Area welterweight title by stopping Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 143, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 2:02 of round seven in a scheduled 10 when Chantler was cut by the left eye.

Anthony Brown, St. Helens, 128, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 130, referee Hogg casting it 79-78 after eight in a bout that brought nobbins from appreciative fans.

Debutant Doug Calderwood, Sheffield, 163, kayoed Malcolm Kay, Liverpool, 162, at 0:27 of round five in a scheduled six. Keith Gardner, referee.

Sammy Brennan, Kirkby, 162, outpointed Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, 163, referee Gardner scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 151, comfortably outscored Cliff Domville, Liverpool, 152, referee Gardner casting it 59½-58 after six.

(12-06-85)

▶**DIGBETH—Civic Hall**—Former British welter champion Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 148, kayoed substitute Dave Douglas in 2:08 of round two with a left to the chin. Frank Parkes, referee.

John Hyland, Liverpool, 120, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Keith Wark, Merthyr, also 120, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 2:00 of round three with Ward under pressure. It was Keith's first fight in a year. These two met in the 1983 ABA final as amateurs, Hyland stopping his man in 89 seconds.

George Collins, Camberley, 147, continued to show great potential as he kayoed Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 145½, in 1:20 of round one in a scheduled six. A left hook to the body did the trick. Paul Thomas, referee.

Tony McLaggon, Cardiff, 132, stopped Paul Timmons, Alfreton, 133, who was retired by his corner at the end of round two with facial cuts.

Debutant Chris Tully, Birmingham, 132, stopped Denzil Goddard, Llanelli, 130½, who was retired by his corner at the end of round two with a cut by the left eye.

Jason Baxter, Leicester, 162, outpointed Graham Jenner, Hastings, 163, referee Thomas scoring it 59-58 after six twos. A cracking contest that brought nobbins.

(12-05-85)

▶**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Johnny Elliott, Telford, 156, drew with Steve Davies, Pembroke, 153, eight. Referee John Coyle scored it 78½ each. Davies was down in round two, but put in a fine closing rally.

Darren Bowen, West Bromwich, 148, outpointed Elvis Morton, Leicester, 146, referee Jim Pridding scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Simon Collins, Merthyr, 156, didn't lose a round in outpointing Malcolm Melvin, Birmingham, 154, referee Coyle casting it 60-57½ after six.

Geoff Calder, Kidderminster, 140, beat Rocky Lester, Leicester, 135, the bout being stopped at 1:55 of round three with Lester under pressure but still upright and in no apparent difficulty.

Phil Jackson, Knebworth, 142, stopped Chris Winter, Grimsby, 149, referee Pridding intervening at 1:09 of round three in a scheduled four when Winter was cut by the left eye.

(12-04-85)

▶**LONDON—Latchmere Leisure Centre**—British cruiserweight champion Sam Reeson, Battersea, 191, won every round in outpointing American Robin Williams, 181, referee Roy Francis scoring it 100-95 after 10.

Jess Harding, Potters Bar, 212, outpointed Barry Ellis, Clapham, 213, referee Paddy Sower casting it 79½-77½ after eight twos.

Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 145, outpointed substitute Reg Locker, Bournemouth, 148, referee Sower scoring it 60-57, indicating Harrison had won every one of the six rounds.

For the second time in a month, Paul Dawson, Kingston, 136½, drew with Nicky Day, Northampton, 138, referee Francis awarding each 78½ after eight. Their previous bout was over six. It was their third contest, Dawson having won the first on points.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 149¼, outpointed Victor Carvallo, 145, referee Sower's card showing 60-59 after six, indicating Barnett hadn't lost a round.

Norris Dennis, Luton, 142¼, outpointed Antonio Monteiro, 138¼, referee Sower scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

(12-09-85)

▶**SOUTHEND—Garons No. One Banqueting Suite**—Andy O'Rawe, Canvey Island, got off the floor in round two to outpoint Les Remekie, Leeds, 140, referee Roy Francis scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Mark Simpson, Brighton, 149, outpointed Gary Champion, Norwich, 146, referee Richie Davies casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Andy Cox, Woodham Ferrers, 142, stopped Wayne Goult, Norwich, 140, referee Francis calling a halt at 1:25 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Goult had been down twice.

Nick Ellaway, Southend, 154, didn't lose a round outpointing Mark Good, Croydon, also 154, referee Davies' card showing 60-58 after six twos.

(12-03-85)

▶**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Terry Magee, Ammanford, 153, stopped Gerry Sloof, Holland, 149, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 1:56 of round six in a scheduled 10, after Sloof had stopped fighting back.

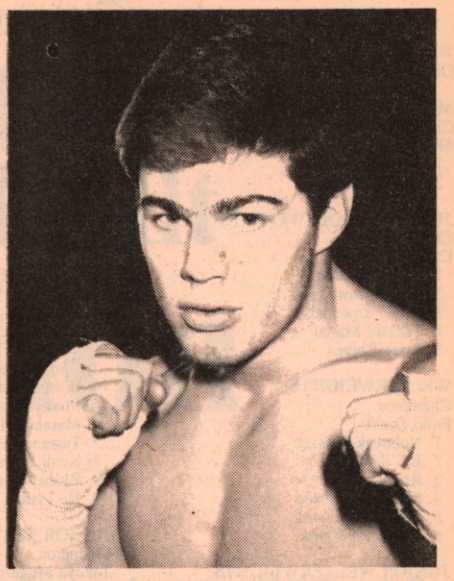
Noel (brother of Terry) Magee, 173, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Winston Burnett, Cardiff, referee Thomas (in charge of all bouts) scoring it 80-76½ over eight, indicating Noel had not lost a round.

Dave Beech, Stoke, 118, outpointed debutant Maurice Crooks, Leicester, 120, over six by 60-57½, indicating that Beech had not lost a round.

Keith Parry, Swansea, 132, stopped Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 135, referee Thomas calling a halt at 2:30 of round four in a scheduled six after Wilson had been down.

John McGlynn, Swansea, 158, kayoed the previous undefeated Cyril Jackson, Mold, 162, in 1:52 of round one in a scheduled six twos. Jackson had been down previously.

(12-11-85)



British heavyweight prospect Glenn McCrory utilized his 20-pound advantage to outpoint Roy Skeldon.

▶**GATESHEAD—Leisure Centre**—Physical and other advantages don't always lead to victory, but on this occasion the loser was against overwhelming odds. Glenn McCrory, Anfield Plain, 202, outpointed Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 182, referee Arnold Bryson making it a narrow 79-78½ after eight.

Skeldon, who came in as a substitute with only three days' notice, was 12 years older than the 21-year-old McCrory, was conceding 20 pounds in weight, and was six inches shorter than the 6 ft. 4 in. McCrory. Nevertheless, he put up the fight of his life, and thoroughly deserved the fine ovation he received.

Skeldon, in no way overawed by the number six heavyweight in Britain, did his share of attacking, and at times proved quicker to the punch. In the end, McCrory's weight advantage told its tale, and earned the latter the verdict.

Another substitute, Mark Mills, Croydon, 154, won his bout, outpointing Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, 156, referee Fred Porter scoring it 79-78 after eight. Ahmed was down briefly in round five.

Paul Lister, Newcastle, 202, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, Wales, 224, referee Bryson casting it 80-77½ afte eight twos. Gerrard was cut by the left eye, the injury requiring three stitches.

Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 176, outpointed Barry Ahmed, South Shields, 173, referee Porter casting it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Chas. Dackcombe, Streatham, 146, outpointed Frank Graham, Alfreton, also 146, referee Potter scoring it 59½-58½ from outside the ring. Triallist referee Gerald Watson officiated inside.

(12-10-85)

▶**LONDON—London West Hotel, Fulham**—Was Dennis Andries "robbed" in his attempt to take the European light heavyweight title from champion Alex Blanchard of Holland? The result was announced as a draw after 12 rounds, which meant that Blanchard kept his crown.

It certainly looked like a close fight, with a careless moment by Andries when he was floored in round nine didn't help his cause. But what aroused controversy was the scoring of the three officials.

Referee Raymond Bachalet of France made it a draw of 116 each. Judge Knud Jensen from Denmark cast it 118-114 to Blanchard. Judge Elmo Della Michalina of Italy scored it 118-116, Andries. This indicated that judge Jensen decided Andries won only two rounds, but judge Michalina decided Andries had only *lost* two rounds. How can one reconcile such a wide difference?

As to the fight itself, after flooring the champion in round five and forcing him to take a standing count in round eight, Andries looked on the way to victory. He was certainly boxing confidently enough until the ninth when, unaccountably, his concentration left him for a moment, enough time for Blanchard to land a right hand which put Andries on the canvas. He rose at nine, but was obviously shaken, and did well to survive the round.

Andries had sustained a cut by the right eye in round five, which continued to bleed, but he fought back galliantly, both men looking weary. It looked as if Andries won the last round. Then came the verdict of a draw.

An exciting and gruelling encounter, and it is to be hoped Andries will get an early chance to try and annex Blanchard's crown. Weights: Andries, 173¾; Blanchard, 170¾.

Former British and European light middleweight champion Jimmy Cable, 159¼, gained his third victory over Tony Britton, Lewisham, 155¾, and can now wrap him up and take him home. Cable won on points, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 79-77½ after eight. Not a lot of incident inside the ring, but in the sixth a fight started outside, which was quickly stopped by the security men. Those responsible were ejected.

Steve Watt, Hayes, kayoed Paul Kelly, Doncaster, in round two of a welterweight bout with a right to the jaw.

Rocky Kelly, Acton, 147¼, stopped Franki Moro, Liverpool, 149, referee Mike Jacobs intervening at 2:30 in round five of a

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Champion
Cheyenne Yamamoto
1. Young Hideo
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Masayoshi Fujimoto
2. Eiji Okita
3. Kenbun Tanaka
4. Donny Yamashita
5. Koki Higashi
6. Koji Shimoji
7. Tiger Michigami
8. Naoyuki Iramine
9. Fusao Imai
10. Yoshimitsu Azato

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo
1. Mitsuru Sugiya
2. Yoshinari Tanaka
3. Keiji Kawamura
4. Eijiro Kuruma
5. Masayoshi Matsuura
6. Masahiro Takagi
7. Tatsunari Hisashiro
8. Kenji Iizumi
9. Rusher Kawaguchi
10. No Listing

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Osamu Kazuo
2. Mark Horikoshi
3. Toshi Okuma
4. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi
5. Kaoru Yoshioka
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1. Tadashi Shimabukuro
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Championship
Vacant
WR. Shuichi Hozumi
1. Koji Nishikawa
2. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
3. Kenji Yokozawa
4. Yoshiyuki Uchida
5. Masayuki Takahashi
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7. Kenji Matsumura
8. Yoshikazu Kurashita
9. Shinichi Sugita
10. Miguel Nagashima

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tomohiro Kiuna
WR. German Torres
WR. Sendai Montiel
1. Yoshiaki Nojima
2. Kazuyoshi Funaki
3. Hideyuki Ohashi
4. Seiji Tomari
5. Jun Hoki
6. Masaru Yoshimoto
7. Rikuo Watanabe
8. Leopard Tamakuma
9. Hiroyuki Miyata
10. No Listing

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Kenji Ono
2. Masato Kudo
3. Yukinari Oshiro
4. Kazuhisa Koyama
5. Norikazu Kawana

scheduled eight after Moro had been driven into the ropes. Moro protested strongly at the stoppage.

Chris Blake, Croydon, 142, outpointed Junaidu Musah, Liverpool, 143½, referee Tony Walker scoring it 60-57½ after six, indicating that Blake hadn't lost a round. An exciting bout.

Serg Fame, Acton, 174, came in as a substitute and beat Lou Gent, Streatham, 175, referee Walker intervening at 0:45 of round two in a scheduled six when Gent was cut by the right eye. (12-11-85)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Gary Flear, Birmingham, 142, outpointed Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 141½, referee John Coyle scoring it 79½-76½ after eight.

Wally Reynolds, Birmingham, 140, beat Steve Tempro, Leicester, 143, referee Brian Arnott intervening in round four when Tempro was cut by the left eye.

Gary Summerville, Birmingham, 138, outpointed George Jones, Telford, 132, referee Arnott casting it 60-58 after six, indicating that Gary hadn't lost a round.

Tony Heath, Leiceste, 116, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 118, referee Arnott casting it 60-57½ after six.

Deano Wallace, Wolverhampton, 160, stopped Martin Kielty, Birmingham, also 160, referee John Coyle intervening at 1:30 of round one in a scheduled six after Kielty had been down. (12-09-85)

▶**PRESTON—Guildhall**—Sammy Sampson, Preston, 151, narrowly outpointed French Moroccan Abdelkader Souhihi, 145, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 79-78½ after eight.

Alfonso Forbes, Birmingham, 205, comfortably outpointed Joe Threlfall, Preston, 201, referee Keith Garner scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Mike Durvan, Penge, narrowly outpointed Andy Mayers, Birmingham, over eight by 79-78½.

Karl Ince, 146, beat Cliff Domville, Liverpool, 148, referee Keith Garner intervening at 1:32 of round five in a scheduled six.

Peter Crook, Chorley, 138, outpointed Brian Waring, Southport, also 138, referee Garner's card showing a narrow 59-58½ after six. Debutant Ray Taylor, Great Harwood, outpointed Ted Mahaffey, Blackpool, 136, referee Garner casting it 40-38 and indicating Taylor had won every one of the four rounds. (12-12-85)

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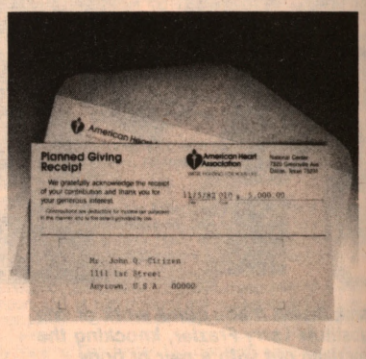

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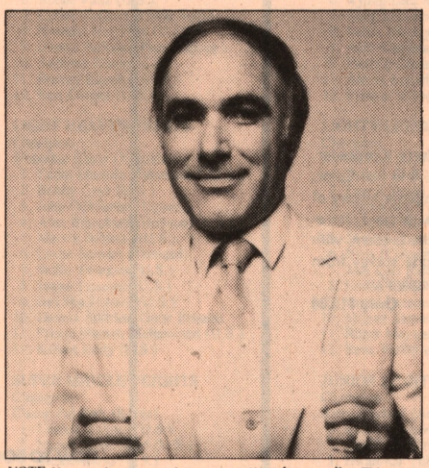

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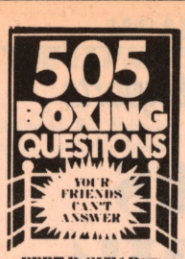

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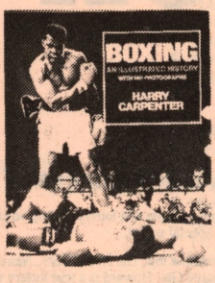

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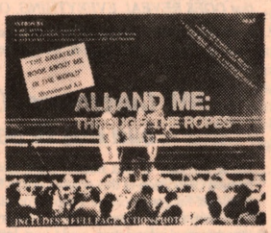

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from Western Australia, although Miller has been living in the State of Victoria for awhile. Miller, an aggressive fighter, applied the pressure from the first bell, but Zappia went with him for an even first round. Zappia won round two. In round three, a combination decked Zappia, but referee Bill Ivory ruled it was a low blow that did the decking, and allowed time for recovery.

From the start of round four, Miller applied pressure relentlessly. He drove Zappia into a corner, then zapped him with a combination. Down went the challenger. He rose at eight, but was gone, so referee Ivory beckoned Zappia's cornermen to come and get him. Billed for 12 rounds.

Newly-crowned Australian middleweight champion Lou Cafaro, 164¼, had a tough time with WA State light heavy champ Chad Hill, 165¼, in their 10-round main support. Cafaro had better conditioning, and, midway through round nine, Hill could not continue. He was exhausted, so referee Laurie Flanders stopped the contest.

It was a terrific fight. The third round was voted the best seen in WA in years. Rounds four and five were just about on a par, but Hill started to fade a little in round seven. Condition was the difference between the two contestants.

Lorne Lehman, 141, outpointed Sugar Babe, 139, over eight. The loser previously boxed as "Washington DC." He is an American. Split decision. Good fight. Laurie Flanders refereed.

Tony Cafaro, brother of Lou, 144¼, halted Ossie Henry, 142¼, in round five of a six, but it was a cut eye which brought the end. Punch caused it and fight was stopped immediately. Cafaro was ahead on points. Referee was Bill Ivory.
(12-06-85)

VICTORIA

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—John Sichula of Zambia, who lost his Commonwealth junior lightweight title to Lester Ellis by decision, and then won back the title when Ellis relinquished it after winning the IBF junior lightweight title—had some satisfaction in a return bout with Ellis. He stopped Lester in round four.

Ellis was baled up in a corner, bobbing and weaving but taking some punches, when referee Gus Mercurio stopped the bout and crowned Sichula. Ellis complained bitterly, pointing out that he had not been floored and was okay. But a referee is in there and sees it all. Gus rescued Lester.

Ellis later announced his retirement from boxing. Aged only 20, he had 20 fights, winning 18. His retirement came about through bitter disappointment at being stopped. He is a proud young man, a very good fighter, and a decent fellow.

Ellis was ahead on points when he ran into trouble. Why did he take this fight at this time? He needed a spell, having had some hard fights through the year. Sichula weighed 134¼, Ellis 136¾. Billed for 10 rounds.

In the main support, also over 10, Australian heavyweight champion Dave Russell, 207¼, had an easy passage against Fijian Aisea Nama, 190½. It was all over in the first round, referee Johnny Wheeler stopping the contest after Nama had been down twice.

Nama was a late substitute. Russell's original opponent could not get his visa in time.

Unbeaten Wilf Gentzen, 142 (Australia's nexxt welter champ) halted Mark Vallance, 144½, in the last round of an eight. No knockdowns, but Vallance was on the verge of going down when referee Tony Parisi rescued him.

In another eight-rounder, Paul James, 160¼ (probably Australia's next middleweight champion), outpointed experienced Ritchie Roberts, 161¼ (former Australian champion) in a split decision. Referee Gus Mercurio scored for Roberts but was outvoted by judges Chris Anderson and Pauline Steinmann.

Paul Delosa, 137¾, stopped Ray Parry, 141, in round seven of an eight. Referee Johnny Wheeler stopped the contest after Parry had been decked for the second time in the round.

In a six-rounder, Fijian joe Lutui, 176¾, outpointed Flash Chisango, a Zambian who came to Australia a few months ago on a boxing tour. Flash also scaled 176¾.

Superstar Promotions, headed by Cos Sita, promoted the show. Successful financially.
(12-16-85)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Tommy Roberts, 155, returned to the ring after around a year to outpoint Anthony Naidu, also 155, 10. The bout began quietly, but developed into a good contest from round 4. Referee was Tony Rok. Unanimous decision to Roberts.

In a six-rounder, Dave Bell, 132, outpointed Steve Cox, 135.

Over four rounds, Adam Gray, 166, outpointed Roland Stamplair, also 166.

In three-rounders, Mick Edwards, 141, outpointed George Cham, 147, and Vic Hallett, 131, stopped Bomber Brown, 130, in round two.
(12-15-85)

▶**CANLEY VALE—Cabravale Diggers Club**—Tiger Homa, 187, defended his NSW State cruiser title against former NSW State middle and light heavy champion Con O'Connor, 192, losing by a points decision.

It was a close contest, judge Ray Mitchell and judge Max Wark each scoring 96-94, while judge Mick Dunningham had it 97-96—all for O'Connor, who displayed a tight defense. Homa threw more punches, but O'Connor *landed* more punches. Seldom was Homa able to penetrate O'Connor's defense when he went for the head. Good fight that drew a shower of coins and notes from ringsiders. The shower amounted to $116. John Wright was the non-scoring referee.

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BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of January 2, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Michael Spinks (U.S.)
1. Larry Holmes (U.S.)
2. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
3. Greg Page (U.S.)
4. Carl Williams (U.S.)
5. Trevor Berbick (U.S.)
6. Michael Dokes (U.S.)
7. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
8. Mike Weaver (U.S.)
9. Marvis Frazier (U.S.)
10. David Bey (U.S.)
11. James Broad (U.S.)
12. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
2. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
5. Stanley Ross (U.S.)
6. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
7. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
8. Evander Holyfield (U.S.)
9. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
10. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
11. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
12. Bert Cooper (U.S.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
2. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
3. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Marvin Johnson (U.S.)
6. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
7. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
8. Junior Edmond (U.S.)
9. Jim MacDonald (U.S.)
10. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
11. Prince Mamah Muhammed (U.S.)
12. Kelvin Kelly (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
2. Murray Sutherland (U.S.)
3. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
4. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
5. Don LaLonde (Canada)
6. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
7. Poncho Carter (U.S.)
8. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
9. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
10. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
11. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
12. Keitoku Senrima (Japan)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. James Shuler (U.S.)
3. James Kinchen (U.S.)
4. John Collins (U.S.)
5. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
6. Curtis Parker (U.S.)
7. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
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9. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
10. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
11. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
12. Mark Holmes (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
1. Davey Moore (U.S.)
2. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
3. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
4. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
5. David Braxton (U.S.)
6. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
7. Mark Medal (U.S.)
8. Darnell Knox (U.S.)
9. Ken Shannon (U.S.)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
11. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
12. Troy Darrell (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
3. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
4. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
5. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
6. Horace Shufford (U.S.)
7. David Hilton (Canada)
8. Simon Brown (U.S.)
9. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
10. Manning Galloway (U.S.)
11. Bobby Joe Young (U.S.)
12. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
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2. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
3. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
4. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
5. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
6. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
7. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
8. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
9. Akio Kameda (Japan)
10. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
11. Alexis Arguello (Nicaragua)
12. Frankie Warren (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)
2. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
3. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
4. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
5. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
6. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
7. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
9. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
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11. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
12. Rene Weller (Germany)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
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1. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
2. Jin-Sik Choi (Korea)
3. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
4. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
5. Bobby Chacon (U.S.)
6. Mark Fernandez (Colombia)
7. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
9. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
10. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
11. Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
12. Mario Miranda (Colombia)

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11. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
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Newcomer Barry Robb, 185¼, looked promising in outpointing Scotty Glover, 180½, six. This also was showered.

John Dabbene, 114¾, outpointed Robert Simmos, 118, in another good six-rounder.

Brett Beakin, 163, outpointed Joe Knight, 160, six.

Miguel Pimentel, 150, drew with Shane Grant, also 150, four.

Robbie Fowler, 147¾, knocked out Brad Fredrics, 160, in round three of a four.

Brian McMahon refereed the prelims.

Capacity house. Ian Fear promoted.

(12-17-85)

QUEENSLAND

▶**GATTON—Shire Hall**—A six-rounder headlined a good program. Rick Thornberry, 161, looked good in his debut, outpointing Wayne Pearson, 167½. Jeff White, former Australian lightweight and welterweight champion, refereed. He also refereed all the three-rounders. Steve Scott refereed the four-rounder in which Graeme Jeffries, 135½, displayed too much class for David Daley, 150. Scott counted out Daley in round one.

Three-rounders resulted: Albert Vickery, 167½, KO 2 Alfred Shillingworth, 150, then saddled up again to KO 2 Warren Solway, 176½; Lou Hurst, 156½, drew with Paul Shillingworth, 154½; Michael Lang, 158¾, KO 3 Jeffrey Brown, 152¼; Gordon Buzzer, 176½, outpointed Tony Solway, 180¾; Neville Binns, 117, outpointed John Layton, 125¾.

(12-14-85)

▶**NOTES**—1985 was a strange year. On one hand we had three world champions in Lester Ellis, Barry Michael and Jeff Fenech. Lester won his IBF junior lightweight title, defended it successfully, then lost it on points to veteran Barry Michael. Barry, in turn, defended it successfully. Jeff Fenech won the IBF bantam title and made two successful defenses.

Fenech set a world record—all divisions—by winning a world title just 196 days after turning professional. He won the crown in his seventh pro start. His record now reads 12 wins in 12 fights, 11 by K.O.

Fenech has been winning all sorts of awards. He won the ABC Sports Award, open to all sportsmen and sportswomen. He also won the Male Athlete of the Year award in Sport Australia. He was presented with that award by the Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke. Fenech also won the PBAAI (Professional Boxing Association of Australia International) award as the Australian Boxer of the Year, and the Australian Boxer of the Year award from *The Square Ring*, a magazine this correspondent edits.

On December 2, Fenech was taken the distance for the first time when he outpointed American Jerome Coffee (previously unbeaten) over 15 rounds. Jeff won convincingly. Full house—thousands turned away—at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, with takings around $400,000, a record gate in Australia, though the crowd of 12,074 was a long way behind prior record crowds. Bill Mordey has been promoting Fenech. He took risks early, but those financial risks have paid off.

That is one side of the coin. On the other side, figures were way down. Strangely, the big media came back to boxing in 1985 with the claim that boxing had been dead and now had risen. The truth was that the media had been dead, as far as boxing was concerned. The media came back to boxing early in 1985, quite unaware of what had been happening.

Some figures: In Australia in 1985, there were 105 promotions of professional boxing. In 1984, the figure was 168, so there were 63 *fewer* promotions in 1985 than there were in 1984!

There were 475 contests in 1985. There were 751 in 1984. There were 42 venues in 1985. There were 75 venues active in 1984. There were 335 boxers active in 1985. There were 482 in 1984.

Take New South Wales. Always this has been the busiest State in Australia as far as boxing is concerned. It was the busiest in 1985, as always—but there were oly 45 promotions in NSW in 1985—and that is the lowest figure since World War II.

And the ignorant media is writing that boxing had been dead for years and came back in 1985! Welcome to boxing, media.

Now if the media, which, in NSW, has been mentioning Fenech practically exclusively, will look around, it may be surprised to find we have a number of good boxers. Our unbeaten lightweight champion Dale Artango of Queensland is good. Our welter champ, Brian Janssen, also of Queensland, will not win any world titles, but he is the most exciting fighter in Australia. Dave Russell of Victoria is our unbeaten heavyweight champion. Doug Sam of Queensland is our junior light heavyweight champion and is very good. What is wrong with our junior light champ, Tony Miller? Paul Ferreri, veteran at 38, still is no pushover. He holds the national featherweight and bantam titles—had had the bantam title for just 10 years. He first won it in October, 1969, but relinquished it in 1975, then won it back in 1976.

And we have some good lads coming up. Have a look around, media from the big Australian papers.

We do hope that media interest in Fenech—a great young man and a good fighter—will bring new blood into boxing. So far, it has not, but perhaps it will in 1986.

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND—Windsor Park Hotel**—John Lyden, 220, and Lindsay Christiansen, 212½, had their scheduled eight declared "no contest" at the end of the first round when Lyden complained that a low beam above the center of the ring was too much to contend with. (Lyden's head was about six inches higher than the beam.)

Lanky James Higgens, 169½, outscored stocky M. Taliulu, 170½, six.

Justan Higgins, 153, outpointed Mike Lydon, also 153, six.

Rodney Brown, 146, outscored newcomer David Lowe, 149, six.

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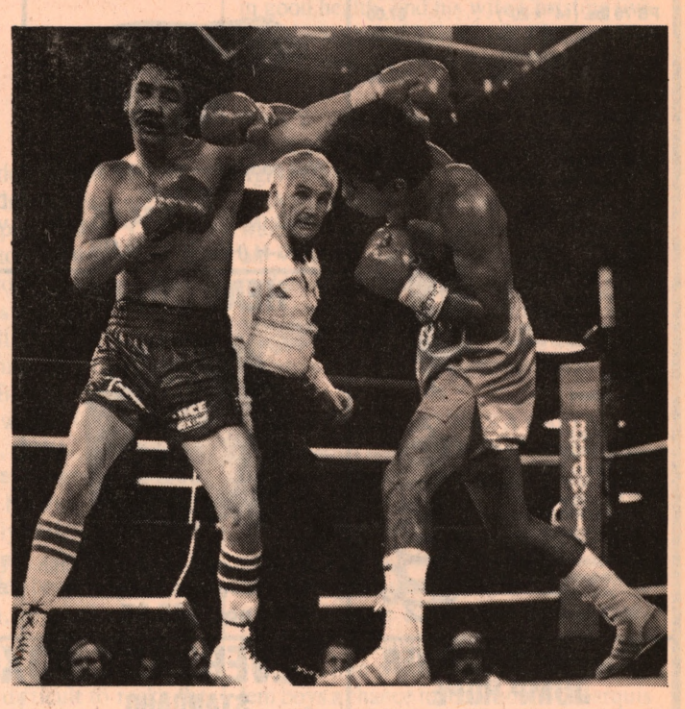
Steve Cruz (right) attacks Tommy Cordova on his way to a ninth-round TKO in Las Vegas.



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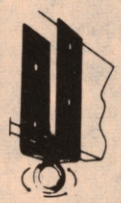

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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

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PETEY SCALZO

PETER DONATO SCALZO WAS BORN ON August 1, 1917 in New York City's Hell's Kitchen area. As a youngster, Petey learned how to survive the depression era by selling newspapers and shining shoes, learning how to handle his dukes along the way. Petey had his first amateur bout at the age of eight at the Public School he attended. Before you know it he won the New York Golden Gloves and the Intercity 126 lbs championships.

In 1936 Petey turned pro under the wing of Pete Reilly, the very capable manager who was known as the Silver Fox. He guided Scalzo undefeated through his first 40 bouts by 21 knockouts. In his next fight Petey lost to the very clever and crafty Mike Belloise over eight rounds on April 26, 1938. He also lost to Tony Dupre in '38, but won 15 more contests, capping the year by defeating Joey Archibald with a dazzling two-rounds kayo. Archibald was recognized as the featherweight champion by the N.Y.S.A.C. and Scalzo was hailed as the "Uncrowned Champion."

In 1939 Scalzo lost to Simon Chavez in Caracas, Venezuela. It was a very close fight and many of the locals hoisted Scalzo on their shoulders and carried him throughout the arena, declaring him the victor. Petey rebounded well to beat Sal Bartolo and kayo Allie Stolz, before closing out the year by avenging the Chavez loss via a 10-round decision at M.S.G.

1940 saw Petey winning over men like Nat Litfin, Tony Dupre, Jimmy Vaughn, Primo Flores, Cristobal Jaramillo. By April of 1940, he'd compiled an outstanding record of 70 wins against three losses and three draws. All this in four years. When Archibald refused to meet Scalzo in a title bout, the NBA board proclaimed Petey as the new world featherweight champion on May 1, 1940.

As champion, Petey scored over Frankie Covelli, avenged his loss to Mike Belloise and successfully defended his title over Bobby "Poison" Ivy with a 15th round knockout. He beat also Maxie Fisher, Ginger Foran, Jimmy Perrin, Bernie Friedkin, and Richie Lemos.

By this time Scalzo was having weight trouble and found it difficult to make the 126-pound limit. Subjecting himself to the painful task of "drying out" caused Petey to enter his bouts severely weakened. On February 14, 1941 the effects of making weight caught up with Scalzo, and he was stopped for the first time in 88 fights by Guy Serean in eight rounds in a Hollywood, California non-title bout.

Petey defended his crown again on May 19, 1941 by outpointing Phil Zwick over 15 rounds in Milwaukee. But on July 1, 1941 Richie Lemos, whom Petey had kayoed six months before, reversed the tables and took the NBA crown, stopping Scalzo in 5 rounds in Los Angeles.

Because of his weight problem, Petey moved up into the lightweights in 1942. But the motivation was gone and Petey was to lose more than his share of fights from then on. His final bout took place in Philadelphia on October 25, 1943 when he was stopped by Bob Montgomery in six rounds. Petey hung up his gloves with a career record of 111 bouts, of which he won 89, 46 by knockouts. He suffered 15 losses, fought six draws, plus one no-decision bout.

After retiring from the ring, he joined the army during WWII. Following his discharge, Petey went to work as a checker on the New York docks for a couple of years and became a referee with the N.Y. State Athletic Commission. He also worked for Piel's Beer as a salesman. Scalzo later became the Chief Inspector for the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, a job he held till 1958. Petey, now 69 and in good health, and his wife Christine live in retirement in Hollywood, Florida. *The Ring* salutes the great Petey Scalzo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FORMER world champions: Beau Jack, the former lightweight champ, celebrates his 65th, on April 1, 1986; Jose Napoles, ex-welterweight champion, becomes 46 years old on April 13, 1986; and former middleweight champion of the world Nino Benvenuti celebrates his 48th date of birth on April 26, 1986—"Happy Birthday Champs" and many more to come.

DUB HARRIS, WHO WAS A CAPTAIN IN the Indian Head Division during WWI, was also light heavy champion in the European Theatre of War. He is now president of the Dub Harris Corp., a charitable organization which includes Jimmy McLarnin, Bobby Seamon and other former fistic stars of bygone days. The DHC recently took over an abandoned jailhouse and converted it into a gymnasium, giving problem boys a chance to learn about "Marquis of Queensbury," under the tutelage of long time fight trainer Johnny Flores, ex-lightweight champion Mando Ramos and other former pugs.

At a recent dinner, Harris presented engraved mugs, honoring film stars Tom Brown and Noble "Kid" Chissell. Brown's fight handlers were the late Bill Frawley and Shiek Abdulla Abbis, who one time boxed the late Georges Carpentierin an exhibition. Chissell has amassed 1,000 film credits in over 50 years. Tom Brown started as a child actor for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios in the "Hoosier School Master" in 1925.

IN MEMORIAM—LOU LOMBARDI, 75, former lightweight contender of the 30s, died on January 1, 1986 at a hospital in Red Bank, N.J. Lombardi, who fought out of Jersey City, was one of the hardest hitting fighters of his era. He was managed by the late Davey Mack . . . Rodolfo Sabbatini, 58, one of Italy's and Europe's leading promoters, suddenly died at his home in Rome early in January . . . Rip Valenti, 84, legendary promoter for the past 50 years or so, passed away in New England . . . Pasqualena Marchegiano, 83, mother of the late Rocky Marciano, passed away on January 3, 1986 in Brockton, Mass. She was founder of the Rocky Marciano Scholarship Foundation.

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Q: What does the J.B. stand for?
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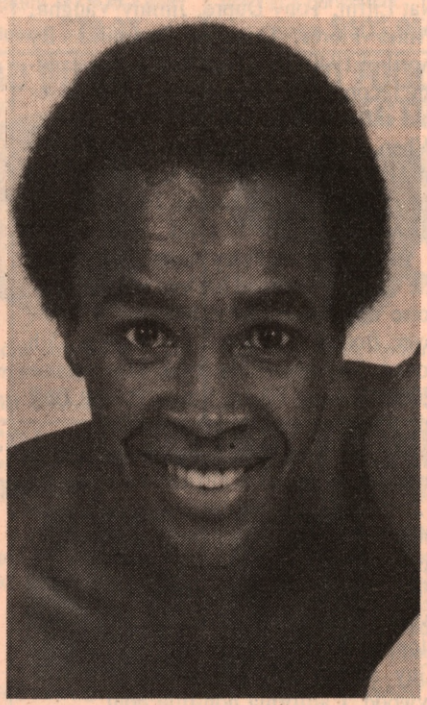
FOR JOSE TORRES
Former light heavyweight champion and current Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission

Q: What do you think about all the recent attempts to ban boxing?
I.P., SAN JUAN, P.R.

A: Boxing has saved many, many lives. Boxing can never be stopped. Boxing is No. 8 among sports in fatalities and 99 percent of our boxers grew up in ghetto areas and in poverty. There has to be a way out of that condition. When you have drugs and gangs and alcohol and a gym, the option is clear to anyone who is a reasonably intelligent person.



FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion

Q: Are the rumors about your comeback true?
S.N.J., BOSTON, MASS.

A: No. I'm 29, I'll be 30 in May and I'm playing tennis. The only challenge for me will be against (John) McEnroe.

FOR CARL (THE TRUTH) WILLIAMS
Heavyweight contender

Q: You came so close to beating Larry Holmes last year. Do you have any regrets about the way you fought that night?
G.B., NEW YORK, N.Y.

A: No regrets. It wasn't the time for me to be champ and, as it turned out, by losing I can sit back and reevaluate my situation and future in the ring.

FOR SEAN O'SULLIVAN
Undefeated Canadian welterweight prospect

Q: I read that you were recently voted the No. 1 athlete in Toronto in a newspaper poll. Did the result surprise you?
R.A., NEWMARKET, ONT.

A: Yes, I really didn't think I would win. Look at the way the Blue Jays had the city in such a state of excitement all seasons. And the Maple Leafs—they're always so popular in Toronto. I'm genuinely honored. It's a thrill to know people think that much about me.

FOR DONALD CURRY
Undisputed welterweight champion

Q: Did you dream of being a world champion when you were a kid?
J.M., DALLAS, TX

A: No, I never thought I'd turn pro. I wanted to get a degree and have fun. Live the college life. Then when I did turn pro, I was just going to test the waters . . . 10, 15 fights to make money to go to college, and get a used car.

DARNELL KNOX
JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

DESPITE A GLOWING 21-1, 15 KNOCKOUT RECORD, DETROIT junior middleweight Darnell Knox is another promising fighter suffering from a lack of ring activity. Although Knox hopes all that will change in the near future, as we go to press, he hasn't fought since scoring an impressive seventh-round knockout over highly regarded Roman George in August of '85 . . . Part of Darnell's problem has been a contractual hassle with his former manager, but an injured right hand hasn't helped matters . . . "I hurt it slightly in the Roman George fight," he explains. "But I made it worse by hitting the heavy bag in the gym." . . . Following an excellent 70-6 amateur career, Knox turned pro in June of '81 with a second round kayo over Ben Goff. Although he's fought his share of unknowns, Darnell, who describes himself as a "boxer-puncher," has also recorded victories over respected men such as Pete Seward (KO2) and Kevin Perry (W10). His lone loss came at the hands of Manning Galloway via a 10-round decision in April of 1983 . . . Now a member of the famed Kronk Gym, Knox is currently studying to be a dental technician . . . Between training and school he enjoys playing basketball . . . Darnell has a five-year-old daughter (Chraisse) who loves the idea of her daddy being a fighter . . . At 6-foot-2 Knox is very tall for a 154-pounder and has the skills to adapt to his style to suit his opponent . . . At the age of 25 Darnell knows that time is running out and feels he's more than ready to tackle anyone in the top ten. Knox is currently ranked No. 11 in *The Ring*'s International Ratings . . . "Darnell Knox has not been in the spotlight enough to gain much recognition, but we hope to change all that in 1986," says advisor Odis Buffington . . . Knox would be the first to agree. □

ARTHUR (ZORRO) JIMMERSON
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

AFTER ONLY FIVE PROFESSIONAL FIGHTS (5-0, FOUR kayoes), the California Athletic Commission was worried that light heavyweight Art (Zorro) Jimmerson was going to seriously hurt someone. In fact, the commission was so concerned they asked *The Ring*'s Southern California correspondent, Dean Lohuis, to compile a list of opponents capable of giving Jimmerson a decent fight . . . "It's kind of a compliment," says the 22-year-old Jimmerson. "It shows I'm doing my job. But I'm not as active as I want to be." . . . Therein lies the rub. It seems that Jimmerson might just be too good for his own good . . . A murderous puncher with either hand, Jimmerson hasn't fought since outpointing Danny Blake over eight rounds in November of '85. On several occasions he had bouts canceled when scheduled opponents fell out for one reason or another . . . Originally from St. Louis, Jimmerson now lives in Los Angeles where he trains at the Broadway Gym under the watchful eye of Art Miles. He is managed by Dr. Larry Andrews . . . Jimmerson won the 1983 National Golden Gloves as a middleweight and although he is ranked No. 3 among California 175-pounders, he is more of a super middleweight than a full-fledged light heavy . . . Art is one of Prince Mamah Mohammed's main sparring partners, and some observers felt that one of the reasons the Prince lost to J.B. Williamson in their battle for the vacant WBC light heavyweight belt was the pounding Jimmerson gave him in the gym . . . "Sometimes I get frustrated when I can't get a fight," says Jimmerson. "But I intend to take the frustration out on my opponents. The next time I fight, I'm gonna explode." □

IN THIS CORNER

by Herbert G. Goldman

Marty Cohen

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE RATHER stocky old gentleman in the western hat who climbs into the ring carrying a gorgeous championship belt at the end of every "WBC Continental Americas" title bout? Photographers proceed to snap pics of the gentleman awarding the belt to the winner as the promoter looks on with approval. Well, the gentleman in question is Marty Cohen, and he's been around boxing for more than 75 years!

Cohen, who was born in New York on August 24, 1897, got his start in boxing at the Educational Alliance Settlement House at East Broadway and Jefferson in 1910. "I fought as a welterweight. Boxing was big then, and every settlement house ran amateur programs. I had a bunch of amateur bouts—maybe 70 or 80—until I was 16. Then I started training fighters."

Boxing was strictly a hobby for Cohen in those days. His father was a dealer in coal and ice, delivering his wares by horse drawn wagon, and Marty was soon employed in the family business. In 1932—the height of the depression—the 35-year-old Cohen began to manage fighters. "I had a guy named Andy Holland," Cohen remembers. Holland was a middleweight who started boxing as a pro in 1939. He beat Tiger Ted Lowry three times and also fought the likes of Jose Basora and Coley Welch. "It was rough for Holland because he was black. This was before and during World War II."

Marty's business flourished, and he entered the promotional field at the Jamaica Arena in Jamaica, Queens, New York, in 1935. "They were famous for their amateur programs. I talked to Weiss, the owner, and made a deal to run pro shows there. After a couple of years in Jamaica, Bill Heydorn, who had the lease on the Queensboro Arena in Long Island City, asked me to promote there in place of Sy Flaherty. I accepted, and became Heydorn's partner.

"The biggest success I had as a promoter, I feel, was when I took the Hearst Milk Fund Show away from Madison Square Garden. Ken Overlin, who was middleweight champ at that time, knocked out Harry Balsamo in the ninth round at our Hearst Milk Fund Show on July 9, 1940. That was the first show that Don Dunphy ever broadcast. He worked over WINS—the Int. News Service station owned by W.R. Hearst. Don went on from there to sign a contract with Gillette."

Cohen and his matchmaker, Jack (Zunk) Serlin, developed a lot of talented fighters at the Queensboro, including future world champions Lew Jenkins and Rocky Graziano.

"Dave Verscheizer, owner of St. Nick's, then had me come in there to replace Charley and Bill Johnstone. Then I went into the old Ridgewood Grove, which was owned by Judge Flatto."

During World War II, when coal sold for a premium and Marty's business prospered, he put on shows in the coal mining regions of Pennsylvania . . . Hazleton, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Allentown. "I retired from the coal business, and boxing, in 1945 and moved to Los Angeles. A couple of years after that, I produced and financed my own movie, *Catskill Honeymoon*, about the borscht belt." *Catskill Honeymoon* opened at the Ambassador Theatre in New York. It was not produced in conjunction with any of the Hollywood studios, so there is no chance of your seeing it on the Late Show. The film, however, was successful, and was shown across the country. In 1950, it played at the Plaza Theatre in Miami Beach. "That's when I moved down here," Marty says. "Before long, they had me judging fights. I wound up judging the Bob Foster-Vicente Rondon world light heavyweight title bout, and the 1973 fight between Ken Buchanan and Frankie Otero."

Cohen, who also owned his own trotting horses, became commissioner of boxing in Miami, and then commissioner in Homestead, Florida, before establishment of the present state commission. "(WBC president) Jose Sulaiman then put me in charge of International Affairs for North America. From there, he made me North American head of the WBC Continental Americas Championships Committee." Marty, who is also a vice president of the WBC, was recently made a Deputy Commissioner in Florida.

"When I look back, I don't believe it," says the 88-year-old Cohen. "I remember how busy I was, between my coal business, and running shows at three, four, or even five different boxing clubs a week. I still keep active. You have to."

You're a wonder, Marty Cohen. □

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